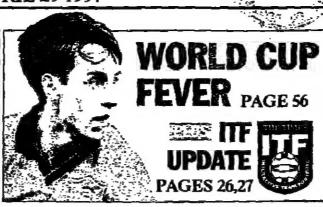
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Eurosceptic candidates - not their parties - win The Times vote

he Times today advises voters to support general election candidates who are opposed to further Euro-

In a break with recent tradition, the newspaper has decided to refrain from endorsing any of the main parties.

Instead it recommends support for the candidates - mainly Conservative and Labour, but including representatives of four other parties - who have declared their Eurosceptic credentials. A list of recommended candidates appeared in the

newspaper yesterday and will be updated on polling day.

In a leading article, The Times identifies two striking developments of the past Parliament: the transformation of Labour under Tony Blair into an electable party; and the collapse of the "body and spirit" of

the Conservative Party.
It says of Labour: "The speed of this change - the abandonment of so many anachronistic and disastrous policies in so short a period of time - has been extraordinary. The Times has strongly



supported those changes and the way in which they have been made. So great has been the speed of change that faith and imagination, rather than firm policy pronouncements, must form the source of vote Labour for the first time this week." The Times, however, will not endorse what is "still a tower of dreams".

Of the Conservatives, it says: "While Labour has been changing itself, the very momentum of its metamorphosis has

Conservatives there has been no equivalent movement to keep the party upright.

A tiny mandate from 1992, tightening tensions between Right and Left, reactive leadership and unnecessarily prolonged recession have taken a heavy toll."

ecause the divisions on Europe are within the parties rather than between them "our endorsement in this election, therefore, falls not on a party slate but upon individual candi... For The Times the European future is the fulcrum of public policy. A proper sense of the choices now facing this country, a profound vision of how the current moves to unite Europe could ail so easily bring its collapse, a clear-sighted understanding of the gulf between what our partners say, what they mean and what they really want: that is what Britain needs to be able to vote for."

Leading article, page 23

72 hours left to save UK, says Major

THE Prime Minister issued a warning last night that were there were "only 72 hours" to save the United Kingdom.

After a whirlwind tour covering England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. John Major stood outside Parliament to proclaim the "twin threat" posed by a Labour government: the break-up of the UK and a sellout to Europe.

It was a carefully stagemanaged event and dismissed: as a stunt by Labour — which yesterday ordered more than 200 former MPs into marginal constituencies for a final campaigning blitz after Tony Blair cautioned against complacency and insisted that Britain was "not a landslide country".

But as Big Ben chimed six. Mr Major said the election was not just about who would govern Britain for the next five years: "It is predominantly a question of what that Government will do over the next five

He said of the Amsterdam summit next month: "What is at stake is whether or not this

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country finds itself dragged inexorably in the direction of a federal Europe." The Tories would "draw a line in the sand" against any further integration, he told staff from the nearby Conservative Central Office, "But if Mr Blair went to Amsterdam, there would be a Dutch auction of British interests, a surrender of our veto."

The second threat, he said. came from Labour's plans for devolution to Scotland and Wales "I have not a shred of doubt that they would lead in the short term to friction with Scotland, and in the slightly longer term, to fracture with Scotland, a break up of Scotland from the United

The message I would give to you, to the British nation, we have 72 hours to save the union, 72 hours to make sure that the nature of our government is not changed irrevocably for the worse, with power draining away from Westminster."

There are 72 hours in which to save the Union, 72 hours to make sure that the system of Government that has prevailed in this country for a very long time is protected and enshrined, and no through a combination of thoughtlessness and ill-digested policies, and a failure to understand what these policies mean - not broken up and divided in one direction towards the EU and the other to a devolved Parliament across the United Kingdom."

At the same time, Mr Blair and John Prescott were preparing to lead Labour's final onslaught on the marginals. Mr Bluir has relephoned each of the the party's regional secretaries urging a last effort to ensure the largest possible turn-out on Thursday. Staff



John Major is applauded by Tory Central Office staff as he appeared on Abingdon Green outside Parliament to call on to voters "to save Britain

have been emptying out of the campaign headquarters in Westminster to bolster the fight on the ground. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said it marked the most intensive effort ever mounted by the party in the closing

stages of an election. It is the first time that so many former MPs have taken time off from their own constituencies to join the fight in

marginals. "We are fighting for every vote and taking nothing for granted." Mr Brown said. The party had been boosted by the recruitment of 11,000 members and by £3 million in donations from 100,000 people since the campaign began. These have funded a final advertising blitz

in tabloid newspapers and women's magazines

If the effort bears fruit and

Mr Blair inflicts a heavy defeat on the Conservatives, Mr Major is expected to announce on Friday that he intends to step down as leader - although his close allies believe that he will stay on until to July to allow an orderly transition to the new

leader and avoid an immediate "bloodbath". One told The Times yesterday: "John will do what is

Thomas Fowles, a court

official, said: "These cases

normally last about two or

three days - you might get

someone making a claim over an injury that could affect

their future employment, per-

haps a traffic accident." He

added that the court was not

usually attended by the public.

the first rung on the judicial

ladder. Ms Booth must sit for

at least 20 weeks a year to fulfil

her duties. But Leslie Page,

her clerk, confirmed yesterday

that, before taking up her

judicial appointment, she will

be in the Court of Appeal. She is acting for St Helen's

Metropolitan Borough Coun-

cil in a case keenly watched by

employment lawyers. The case

is being brought by employees

in a special school who under-

went changes in their condi-

tions of employment when it

was taken over from the local

county council by the local

Some lawyers question that

Ms Booth will be able to

sustain her practice at the Bar

if she moves to Downing

Street. They say she will

present problems of security.

but Heather Hallett, vice-

chairman of the Bar, has

strongly defended her. "If

anyone can manage it, she

borough council.

An assistant recordership is

right for the party. I do not think he wants John Redwood to win. One way of helping Redwood would be to go

early."
The candidates would be certain to include Michael Portillo, who today makes one of the most savage Cabinet attacks on Mr Blair since the campaign began and says that people who think the Conservatives need a spell in opposition are simply wrong. Writing in The Times, the Defence Secretary accuses the Labour leader of "looking into the television cameras and lying to the British people about the Government's pen-

sion reforms. "Tony Blair's highest aspiration is just to echo what is popular. He is a follower not a leader. That is why he tries to be all things to all men.

Britain ready for Zaire evacuation

Britain prepared for an evacuation of its nationals from Zaire by sending 200 soldiers with three Hercules C130 transport aircraft to central

The Ministry of Defence said the troops would be based in Libreville, the capital of Gabon, to be ready to deploy to Zaire. Refugees found, page 18

Tighter security for the Maze

Stricter security measures are to be imposed inside the Maze prison after a government inquiry into an IRA attempt to tunnel out of the jail found that the paramilitaries controlled the H-blocks.

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'Strictly off-record' Currie submits a £2,000 bill to paper

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

£2,000 bill for journalistic services to the newspaper which published her predictions of a Labour landslide. Tory strategists were ap-

palled by Mrs Currie's decision to fax an invoice to Richard Addis, the Editor of The Express, only 24 hours after she claimed that her comments in the Sunday edition were off the record.

They had spent the last 48 hours assuring journalists that Mrs Currie had been "stitched-up" by the newspaper whose chief executive is Lord Hollick, a Labour peer and close ally of Tony Blair. The remarks appeared in a

signed article. The ensuing controversy. which was generated by her blunt criticism of John Major and the Tory campaign, overshadowed the latest Tory, attempt to launch a fightback. The Prime Minister was re-

ported to be furious. But her attempt to seek payment might not succeed. Mrs Currie never put pen to paper. The offending article was based on a 25-minute telephone conversation with a member of the newspaper's

political staff. Mrs Currie, one of the most outspoken pro-European members of the Tory party. warmed to her theme during the conversation about the

EDWINA CURRIE has sent a failings of the election

campaign Not only did the former Health Minister predict that her own South Derbsyhire seat was a lost cause, she also forecast a Labour majority of more than 100 and said that Mr Major looked weak against Tony Blair.

Mrs Currie, who for the second day in succession was uncharacteristically unavailable for comment, was virtually disowned by the party high command.

Her own supporters, who are fighting an uphill battle to retain her seat, which is number 20 on the Labour target list, were also enraged.

One senior Tory campaigner said last night: "Well this gives the lie to the fact her comments were off the record. If she gets the £2,000 1 hope she donates it to the redundancy fund of any Tories who lose her seat thanks to her unhelpful comments."

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, speaking in Blackpool yesierday, said: "I have been trying to defend Edwina on several occasions over the years. I must say I find it difficult on this occasion.

Mr Clarke added: "I have heard her explanation that she was speaking off the record. I would prefer that she did not speak like that on or off the

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Cabbies ride to rescue of colleague

BY ADRIAN LEE

A MINICAB driver's call for help was answered by almost 100 colleagues who formed a cordon in their cars to trap his alleged attackers. The cabbies sprang into action when they heard John Davis broadcast a coded message for assistance in Hull.

Scores of cars responded. some carrying passengers, and boxed off the city's North Hull estate, until a police helicopter arrived to search the area. Mr Davis. 32, was allegedly threatened with a machete to the throat and a flick knife, but managed to grab his radio.

It was like the cavalry arriving - it was a great relief. Mr Davis said. The passengers all joined in the search. There were lasses in their nightelub gear running round helping."

Bill Allen, of his company Al Cars, said taxi companies in the city set up the coded call system seven years ago. but the response was unprecedented. Two men were arrested after a heat-seeking device on the helicopter discovered them hiding in a garden. The men. aged 19 and 28, were charged with attempted robbery yester-day and remanded in

Cherie Booth to sit as judge two weeks after the election

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT injury claims and the occa-sional breach of contract.

CHERIE BOOTH will sit as a judge within two weeks of becoming the Prime Minister's wife if Labour wins the election on Thursday.

In addition, in a clear sign that she intends to continue her career at the Bar. Ms Booth, who is a QC, will next week appear for a local authority in the Court of Appeal in a test case over employees'

Ms Booth, an assistant recorder, is booked to sit for two weeks from May 19 in the City of London and Mayor's Guildhall County Court. She will take the list normally handled by Judge Byrt, QC, which mainly covers personal



My client would like to add that he voted Labour on May 1"

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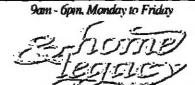
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Water company sows seeds of drought gardening

BY NICK NUITALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

year suggested its customers should pave over their gardens yesterday launched a cash discount scheme for people buying drought-resistant plants.

Severn Trent, which serves the Midlands, said anyone buying the plants at participating garden centres and nurseries would receive a 10 per cent discount. The offer also covers watering cans - to encourage less reliance on hosepipes - water retaining granules for pot plants.

composters and water butts. Plants deemed to be drought tolerant include alyssum, sal-

A WATER company that last via. sedum, thyme, lavender and wallflowers. Others include ice plant, catmint, aubretia. New Zealand flax. yucca, spanish broom, lamb's ear and rock rose.

Jo Foster, the company's said yesterday: "Efficient use of water must become second nature for everyone if we want to make hosepipe bans a thing of the past. There are many simple steps we can all take, including having plants which need less watering and less looking after, to help us make the most of every drop.

The company, which is paying for leaflets and informaPOLLEN INFORMATION LINE OPENS

Two low-pollen gardens were opened yesterday by the National Asthma Campaign. The paved gardens, in Enfield, north London, and Truro, Cornwall, have been planted with insect-pollinated plants such as geraniums, iris and clematis, and show that it is possible to create a place where hay fever sufferers can be comfortable. The gardens were opened as the charity's pollen information line (0171 971 0444) went into service that the charity's pollen information line (0171 971 0444) went into service the charity's pollen information line (0171 971 0444) went into service the charity is pollen information line (0171 971 0444). vice. This is the first year the charity has operated the service, which has in the past been provided by commercial concerns.

tion packs linked with the promotion, said the suggested plants combined bright col-ours, strong scents and varied foliage with drought-busting

properties.
The scheme is being backed up at 50 garden centres with

tunnel for 30 metres from a

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the

Northern Ireland Secretary,

admitted that through intimi-

dation, paramilitary prisoners

had, over a number of years,

in effect gained control within the wings to which they were confined". He added: "Recent-

ly, searches have been carried

out only infrequently."

The IRA had broken

through a concrete floor, dug

through a metre of hardcore

and infill and then tunnelled

at a depth of two metres. They

had used tool and materials

cell in A wing of H-block 7.

practical demonstrations on water conservation in gardens. David Sugden, manager at Bayley's Garden Centre in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, said yesterday that they were drawing up a list of IZ plants

Army doctor

'gave wrong

advice on

Down's test'

BY EMMA WILKINS

A WOMAN gave birth to a

Down's syndrome baby after a military doctor wrongly advised her against a diag-nostic test, the High Court in

London was told yesterday.

Sandra Hurley, 42, from

Aldershot, Hampshire, feared

that her child would be born

handicapped because she was

aged 35 at the time. She agreed

not to have an amniocentesis

test when Major Lawrence Roberts of the Cambridge

Military Hospital, Aldershot.

told her that the risks of

handicap were the same as

when she was aged 25 and that

the procedure carried a 1 per

cent chance of miscarriage,

Mrs Hurley, who is di-

vorced with two other children

aged 22 and 10, is claiming

damages for medical negligence against the Ministry of Defence, While she adores her

son Matthew, 7, the burden of caring for him is immense.

Richard Davies, QC, told the court. Love and devotion

cannot obscure the enormous

burden to her of his profound

asked Major Roberts — then a

trainee in obstetrics and gy-

naecology - about an amnio-

centesis test which detects

Down's syndrome at 16 weeks

of pregnancy at her first

"Having pressed her prefer-

ence by saying she would

prefer to take the risk of

disability," Mr Davies said. Mrs Hurley, a civilian, discount scheme.

A spokesman for Severn Trent, which serves over seven million customers, pointed out that the discount scheme was only part of its water conservation strategy. He said the company's leakage rate from its mains network was being cut back dramatically. It was spending £400 million a year over the next five years on general improvements and had spent £200 million in the past 18 months on anti-

drought meaures. It was also opening up new resources, including boreholes to tap underground reserves in places such as Birmingham, where a decline in heavy

water table.

☐ Water meters can dramatically cut consumption in better-off households and do not threaten the health of families in poorer households. according to a survey by Mid It found that people in high

rateable value properties, which tend to be homes with large, thirsty gardens and two cars, on average use 36 per cent less water once they are on meters. People living in low rateable value properties first cut back on water use by up to 15 per cent, but eventually increased consumption as they became comfortable with metering.



Sandra Hurley leaving the High Court yesterday

that the doctor was the expert." Mr Davies said.

would be called to establish that there is a three times

While Major Roberts cannot remember the precise details of the conversation he explained that it was not general hospital policy to consider amniocentesis for woman aged 35, the court was told. It is considered at the hospital for those aged 37 to 39 pregnant women aged 40 and

Grandmother of Ecstasy girl questions transplant decision

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE grandmother of a 15year-old Ecstasy user who died after she was refused a liver transplant questioned the decision to give an alcoholic footballer two liver transplants on the National Health

Margaret Pirie, 56, told a fatal accident inquiry into the death of her grand-daughter. Michelle Paul, that she had become angry when doctors had told her that Michelle

operation. Without the opera-tion the schoolgirl would die,

could not get one.

She said Dr Naill Finlayson had told her the decison had

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ences at the time of her death. Michelle died 23 days after taking Ecstacy at a rave in Aberdeen in November 1995. Her death came a week after that of Leah Betts. The inquiry

BSE scientists to test Norwegian dog brain

Government veterinary scientists are to examine brain tissue from a Norwegian golden retriever in what may be the first proven case of "mad cow" disease in a dog. Ministry of Agriculture officials confirmed yesterday that samples of brain material from the li-year-old animal, which died this month, had been received from Norway and had been sent to the Institute of Animal Health in Edinburgh for analysis.

Vets in Oslo suspect BSE-type changes. The Kennel Club and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals yesterday criticised the Government for failing to publish research carried out six years ago which suggested; that dogs might be able to contract "mad cow" disease.

Haughey case adjourns

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The Dublin tribunal investigating payments to politicians adjourned yesterday without Charles Haughey, the former Irish Prime Minister, answering allegations that he received £1.3 million from a supermarket tycoon. Ben Dunne, the former head of Dunnes Stores chain of supermarkets, said he paid Mr Haughey £1.3 million through banks in London, the Isle of Man and the Cayman Islands. Mr Haughey has not answered any of the allegations made by Mr Dunne.

BA awaits Paris ruling

British Airways will learn today whether its court effort to prevent Air Algerie operating from Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris has been successful. BA yesterday argued at a court in Versailles that its passengers were being put at risk because of a lack of security around the Algerian state airline a check-in desks. When Air Algerie moved into neighbouring desks at the weekend. BA moved its check-in to the roof of the terminal then to a hotel.

Wren strangled

A Royal Navy Wren was found strangled yesterday in a flat at Stonehouse. Plymouth, a few hundred yards from her base at HMS Drake. Leading Wren Tammy Williams, 23, originally from Leicestershire, was a photographer for operational work and public relations. It is thought that Miss Williams, who had worked at the Devonport base since January, lived outside the base. Police arrested a man aged 30, who was being questioned by detectives last night.

Judges make Net gain

Court of Appeal judges have used the Internet to issue a ruling in an attempt to overcome difficulties arising from more than 100 appeals from people who say their cases have been wrongly struck off court lists for not meeting strict timetables. The judges criticised having to post copies of their 75-page judgment to all 500 judges in England and Wales because the Government has not set up a computer

Soul singer fined

rison, right, was fined £750 after admitting threatening behaviour against a group of people he claimed had kicked his car in Leicester city centre. The magistrates' chairman, Harold Clark. responsibility to behave in a proper manner." The court was told that Morrison, 24, had a living allowance of £1,200 a month from his record company.



BBC apologises for libel

The multimillionaire Barday brothers accepted a public apology from the broadcaster John Sweeney and the BBC over a suggestion that their concern for privacy was explained by an alleged involvement in a 1970s corruption scandal. David and Frederick Barclay, who live on Brecqhou in the Channel Islands, had sued for libel over a radio report. They were content with the apology and a BBC donation to the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.

Tortoise returns home

An elderly widow praised police yesterday after they reunited her with a tortoise that has been her companion for 20 years. Alice Ward, 83, found the tortoise, called Humphrey, was missing after a street vendor called at her home in Oundle, Northamptonshire, last Thursday, Three days later a police officer in Nottingham, 90 miles away, recognised Humphrey after he had been found in a bag.

IRA tunnel blamed on lax security at Maze prison By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT and staff from the wings had ficer as he was escorting them allowed the IRA to dig a from the health centre.

TOUGHER security measures are to be imposed at the Maze prison after a government inquiry into an IRA attempt to tunnel out of the jail found that the paramilitaries controlled the H-blocks.

At Maghaberry jail yesterday, two prisoners armed with a pistol and an improvised handgun held an officer hostage. The discovery that a 9 mm millimetre Walther pistol and an improvised zip gun" plus ammunition had been smuggled into the top-security jail in County Antrim is a further blow to morale within the Northern Ireland Last night the RUC began

an investigation into the fourhour incident at Foyle House within Maghaberry prison. Two prisoners seized the of-

The inmates, one serving life for murder and the other 25 years for attempted murder, produced the weapons and threatened the officer. They made no clear demands but the incident was believed to be linked to the Irish

Finlay Spratt, chairman of the Prison Officers' Association in the Province, claimed that the men fired one of the weapons at staff five times but on each occasion it failed.

National Liberation Army.

the H-blocks at the Maze jail

The two men eventually gave themselves up. The ofer was released unharmed. Within hours, far-reaching

measures to tighten security in

were published in a statement. The absence of proper security Plans put forward

for 12 new jails

BY RICHARD FORD AND STEPHEN FARRELL THE Government plans 12 women's jail holding 50 in-

rising number of offenders. quietly submitted plans to build a 600-inmate jail to hold medium-risk offenders at Onley in Northamptonshire and is planning to build a similar-sized jail at Pucklechurch in south Gloucestershire. It has also earmarked land next to the top-security Belmarsh prison in Wool-wich, southeast London, for a third 600-offender jail, and is still searching for a suitable

site near Telford, Shropshire. A further eight jails are planned at sites in England as part of a building programme to house 7,200 immates. The 12 new jails are in addition to six 800-inmate jails planned or under construction at Bridgend, South Wales. Fazakerley on Merseyside, Agecroft in Salford, Winson Green in Birmingham, near the Lakeside shopping centre in Thurrock, Essex, and at Lowdham Grange in Nottinghamshire.

The Prison Service has submitted plans to demolish a

new jails to cope with the mates at Pucklechurch and site. Councillors on south Gloucestershire planning committee will discuss the proposals on May 15. The service currently pro-

poses to let the private sector design, construct, finance and manage the new jails. However, it is unclear what would happen if Labour wins power. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, is opposed to private prisons.

The site for the new jail at Onley is adjacent to an existing young offender institution housing 520 inmates. Paul Green, head of planning with Daventry council, said it would go before the planning committee on May 28 or July 2 but approval was by no

"Normally development in open countryside is frowned upon. The Home Office will have to come forward with some convincing reasons to this is acceptable." he said.

means certain.

improvised from cell furniture and handicraft materials. "Spoil was deposited in two cells at the end of the wing. Prisoners were able to achieve all of this because of the effective absence of staff from the wings, and the steps which

prisoners had taken to obscure the line of sight down the wings." Sir Patrick said. The report into the discovery last month of the escape attempt calls for twice-daily lock-ups of prisoners with head-counts; random cell checks, including the exami-

nation of the fabric of the cell; Full searches of the Hblocks are to be held frequent-

ly and unpredictably and strict controls to be imposed on prisoners' movements. Any prisoner moving between an H-block is to be searched. Supplies issued to wings should be strictly checked, the

report says, and cell furniture to be made of soft materials to prevent terrorists adapting furniture for illicit purposes. The report also recommends the improvement of closedcircuit television. ☐ Loyalist paramilitaries are being blamed for a 100lb bomb found outside the Sinn

Fein offices in Belfast. The device, containing home-made explosives, was found in an abandoned car on the Falls Road. The alert was raised at 7am vesterday when a local radio station received a telephone warning. Army bomb disposal experts carried out two controlled explosions.

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Mrs Pirie, a former auxillary nurse, told the court in Aberdeen that she had questioned one of the members of the medical team at the liver transplant unit in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary about the decision to give Jim Baxter, a former Rangers and Scotland footballer and selfconfessed alcoholic, two liver transplants when Michelle

grounds" by Hilary Sanfey. who was a surgeon and the senior member of the team. The inquiry has previously heard that Michelle had admitted taking drugs and her mother Carolann Paul, 37. had been a drug addict. Her stepfather, John Paul, was in prison for drug-related of-



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Singer accuses Boy George of being obsessive liar



Boy George said the attraction was instant

THE singer Boy George was accused in the High Court yesterday of being an obsessive and vindictive liar by the man he had earlier described as the love of his life

Kirk Brandon told the 35year-old pop star that he was a professional liar" who had tried to destroy him by claiming that their friendship in the 1980s had been a sexual relationship.

He accused the former lead singer of Culture Club of being obsessed with trying to "out" him as a homosexual even though he was happily married with a daughter. Mr.

wich, London, is suing Boy George for malicious falsehood in a 1995 autobiography in which George wrote: "Sleeping with Kirk wasn't sex, it was absolute love." He is also suing Boy George over a song, called Unfinished

Business, on his last album. Mr Brandon, 40, has admitted sharing a hed with Boy George after going to late-night clubs in the early 1980s but denies that homosexual activity took place.

Mr Brandon, who is representing himself, said: "I put it to you that you were obsessed, have been obsessed and probably still are obsessed with

about stopping, leaving me alone?" Boy George replied: "I wouldn't describe myself as obsessed with you. I said in my book that you were very talented and I loved you. Where is the damage in that? Mr Brandon, who enjoyed

chart success with the bands Theatre of Hate and Spear of Destiny, questioned him abut Unfinished Business, "Did you enjoy writing such a vindictive and malicious song?" Boy George replied: You were in a band called Theatre of Hate, Kirk. You weren't called the Blushing Flowers. What does that say?" Earlier, giving evidence,

Douglas Brown that Mr Brandon had become the "great love of my life" after they met in a pub in 1980. "I didn't know who he was but I thought he was really handsome, very charming and funny, one of those people you meet and instantly become friends with. I was sexually attracted from the moment I saw him and I knew Kirk was

attracted to me instantly." After a few weeks Mr Brandon asked to stay at his squat, Boy George said. On the first night they kept their T-shirts and underwear on but hugged and kissed, he said, but after that their relationship grew into a sexual one and they had for several years. Boy George spent more than 100 nights said he had described Mr spent more than 100 nights

He said: "Kirk was the great love of my life at that time. We were inseparable. We held hands in public. At the time I was walking around in high-heeled shoes and very outrageous clothes. I was very well known in London."

Their friendship ended after a night out when Boy George was dressed as Boadicea. "Kirk said he needed space away from me. We had a violent argument. He left and I smashed up my room." They resumed their relationship for a short time, he said, but then did not see each other

Brandon as his boyfriend in several articles and had not received complaints. He said he had written asking Mr Brandon if he wanted to make comments about his autobiography but had received no

He told his counsel, Patrick Maloney, that he wrote Unfinished Business when he learnt that Mr Brandon had married. "I was expressing my true feelings about Kirk. He has denied our relationship for 20 years. If there was no relationship, then why are we in court 20 years later fighting about it?" The case continues.



Brandon: denies that



Four Quantock staghounds wait to be let loose at the season's last formal meet yesterday. The hunt will now not be able to use National Trust land in the Quantock Hills

National Trust ban may spell staghounds' death

By Michael Hornsby COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

THE Quantock Staghounds may have to put down 60 hounds because of the National Trust's decision to ban stag-hunting on its land from the end of this month.

The hunt, which killed one deer yesterday in what may well have been the last formal meet in its 90year history, will no longer be licensed to use 900 acres of trustowned country in the Quantock with insufficient land to hunt regu- has up to 100 riders and 700 been banned from is in five separate being shot out of existence than continue on non-trust land

larly. Roly Ford, the hunt chairman, said: "We have got 60 hounds between two and seven years old and we fear we may end up having to put them down, but we will be fighting to avoid this if at all possible.

"Staghounds are trained to follow deer's scent and it is highly unlikely they could be retrained to hunt foxes. Nor would they make good pets, as they are pack animals which have lived in kennels all their lives. If they have to be put down, it would probably be with a pistol."

lawns of Bagborough House, near Taunton, where presentations were made to loyal hunt servants. The deer-hunting season ends at the end of April and resumes in August.

Mr Ford said the hunt committee had not yet decided whether the Quantock Staghounds would give up hunting completely. "We may still be able to hunt occasionally - if the Devon and Somerset Staghounds invite us to use their territory - but certainly not twice a week, as

blocks, fragmenting our hunting territory and making it unuseable." Bill Fewings, the master of the Quantock, who has hunted for 50

years, said he saw little hope of the hunt being saved. The hunt says that there will now be indiscriminate shooting of red deer by landowners. who had previously relied on the hunt to control deer numbers.

But John Hicks, of International Animal Rescue, said: "It has been one of the greatest days of my life. The deer have gone through terrible undergoing the horrendous suffer-ing if hunting continued."

The trust decided on the ban in

response to a two-year inquiry by Professor Patrick Bateson, an animal behaviour expert at Cambridge University. He found that hunted deer suffered even greater stress than severely injured animals.

The ban also covers 12,000 acres used by the Devon and Somerset Staghounds and some 400 acres used by the Tiverton Staghounds. The New Forest Buckhounds will

Girlfriend hit Bondi 'killer' with handbag

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THE girlfriend of Brian Hagland, the London postman beaten to death near Bondi Beach last year, tried to save him by hitting his attacker with her handbag, a Sydney court was told yesterday.

Twice Connie Casey struck Aaron Martin over the head, but he simply looked up and continued the assault, the court was told. The attack was recounted during the prosecution's opening statement at committal proceedings against Mr Martin, 23, who is accused of murder, and Sean Cushman, who is charged

with being an accessory. Chris Maxwell, for the rosecution, said that Mr Hagland, 28, had been walking home with Miss Casey, 25, in the early hours of September 7 when Mr Martin set upon him. He said the accused was drunk and in a mood of explosive physical aggression. "He was looking for someone to take it out

upon." Mr Maxwell said. Mr Martin, waving his clenched fists at Mr Hagland, shouted: "Come on then!" Mr Hagland replied that he did

not want trouble. As Mr Martin started to hit him they fell onto the road, wrestling. At one stage Mr Martin had his hands around Mr Hagland's throat and the court was told. While Miss

Casey tried to separate them by hitting Mr Martin with her handbag, he continued to punch Mr Hagland.

The exact circumstances of what happened next were still unclear, Mr Maxwell said. but at some stage Mr Hagland was hit by a passing bus as it turned a corner. The prosecution said that, in the struggle, Mr Hagland may have walked or fallen into the side of the bus; he may have been savagely beaten and fallen into the path of the bus unconscious; or he may have been pushed into the bus.

A post-mortem examination found that Mr Hagland, who was on a working holiday, had suffered multiple injuries. He also sustained numerous fractures consistent with the impact of the bus or having

being jumped upon.
The Crown says he [Martin) caused the death of Mr Hagland and that at all times had the intent to inflict grevious bodily harm or to kill him," Mr Maxwell said. "It doesn't matter how much or how little the bus was involved, there was a causal link between the defendant's action and the death of the deceased.

The court was also told that Mr Cushman had allegedly told friends that Mr Martin had pushed Mr Hagiand into

Boy, 14, left scarred by his father's beatings

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BOY was scarred for life after being repeatedly whipped, punched, kicked and throttled by his father, a college lecturer. The 14-yearold boy told Southwark Crown Court he would be forced to lay naked on his bed as his father beat him with a rubber shower hose.

The boy was giving evidence at the trial of his father, who denies three charges of unlawful wounding and one of cruelty between September 1994, and last August. During one severe beating last August "I was begging him to stop", the boy, from Brixton, south London, said. "But he told me I should not scream. He then shut and locked the window so the neighbours could not hear

After this incident, the boy was told to get out of the flat and ran away. When the police found him he told them

of the alleged cruelty.
When his father, 42, learnt what he had done, he spoke of handing out "the beating of my life", which left him so scared he felt he could never live with his father again, the boy said. A teacher to whom he had described his ordeals contacted social services and he was taken into care.

The father told police that he had tried to "chastise" his son. The trial continues.

Abuse victims see couple's downfall after 20 years

a week for several months. The children spent much of

their time sitting in a cold.

spartan dining room, where

they had poor, inadequate

food. The wife, described as

the dominant personality, sent

children to buy good food but

that was for the couple and

their own two children. One

hungry girl ate toothpaste. Children were not allowed

out of their secured bedrooms

at night, even to go to the

lavatory. Potties were left in

the rooms, even for teenagers.

Jailing the couple, from

Walton, Liverpool, Judge Eliz-

abeth Steel said the offences

had been systematic and creat-

ed an "atmosphere of fear".

The children were "among the

most vulnerable members of

society - they were in care

because of troubled family

backgrounds, needing stabil-

ity, care, understanding and a

happy loving atmosphere".

Judge Steel, who recom-

mended the two investigating

detectives for a formal com-

mendation, said that the child-

ren had instead suffered

nightmares, guilt, anger, dis-

tress and mental health

After the hearing one victim.

Paul Taylor, 41, from Oldham.

said he was delighted with the

sentences: "It's more than I

expected but it's no more than

AN ELDERLY couple who abused frightened youngsters at a children's home 20 years ago were sent to prison yesterday. Many of the victims wept their childhood in court.

Joyce Beesley, 70, was jailed for five years at Liverpool Crown Court, convicted of cruelty to 13 children. Her husband, Kenneth, 73, found guilty of ill treating one child and indecently assaulting four

girls, was given 2½ years.

The offences spanned 13 years, ending in 1978. Beesley had been employed by the city council as house-mother at the six-bedroomed home in Fazakerley. Her husband, lived there de facto as the house

Punishments for minor misdemeanours such as looking out of the window included being made to cut the grass with scissors, and having to stand naked for hours with their hands on their heads while others were encouraged

to ridicule them. One boy was left sitting in a chair in the garden all day until sunburnt and blistered. Bed-wetting was punished by being tied or pinned into a pillowcase and left on the floor or bed. The indecent assaults involved three girls, aged between 11 and 14. One of them was abused two or three times

husband in argument over lettuce

BY RICHARD DUCK

Wife killed

A MOTHER stabbed her husband through the heart after he complained about the quality of the lettuce in a salad for their evening meal. They had been married for 29 years.

Brenda Richardson. 54, a Sunday school teacher, was jailed for two years for manslaughter yesterday, after Manchester Crown Court was told that she had no recollection of events that led to the fatal dispute other than her husband. Brian, 56, criticising

Howard Bentham, QC, for the prosecution, said there were no known problems in the marriage. The couple from Nelson, Lancashire, had two grown-up sons. In telephone calls to friends an hour before the killing. Richardson had "jovial and light-

She had called the emergency services and tried to stem the bleeding with a rug. Her plea of not guilty to murder

Richard Henriques, QC, for the defence, said: "There must have been a great deal of cumulative tension in the relationship. There was a major disagreement, out of the blue, over the food that night, but all she is sure of is that she did not take up the knife intending to use it. She misses him dreadfully."

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Intruder claims he had free Palace tour

BY ALAN HAMILTON

POLICE were last night questioning a man who claimed to have breached security at Buckingham Palace and made an unauthorised tour of the private

Neither palace officials nor police were certain whether to believe the man's claims that he had spent several hours roaming the heavily guarded grounds of the Queen's official London residence. He was arrested early yesterday morning after reportedly hailing a taxt to Camden Lock in north London and telling the driver what he had done. The driver con-

tacted the police. With the general election three days

their mind, police took the matter seriously, especially as the man was allegedly allowed in to the Palace on legitimate business and shown out by police officers at the the main gate who bade him a polite "Good morning". Neither the Queen nor the Duke of Edinburgh was in residence.

If the man's claims are true, he joins a long line of palace intruders, led by Michael Fagan, who found his way into the Queen's bedroom in 1982, spoke to her while she frantically and fruitlessly tried to summon help, and provoked a major review of Palace security.

Since then Palace-busting, often by the deranged or obsessed, has grown in

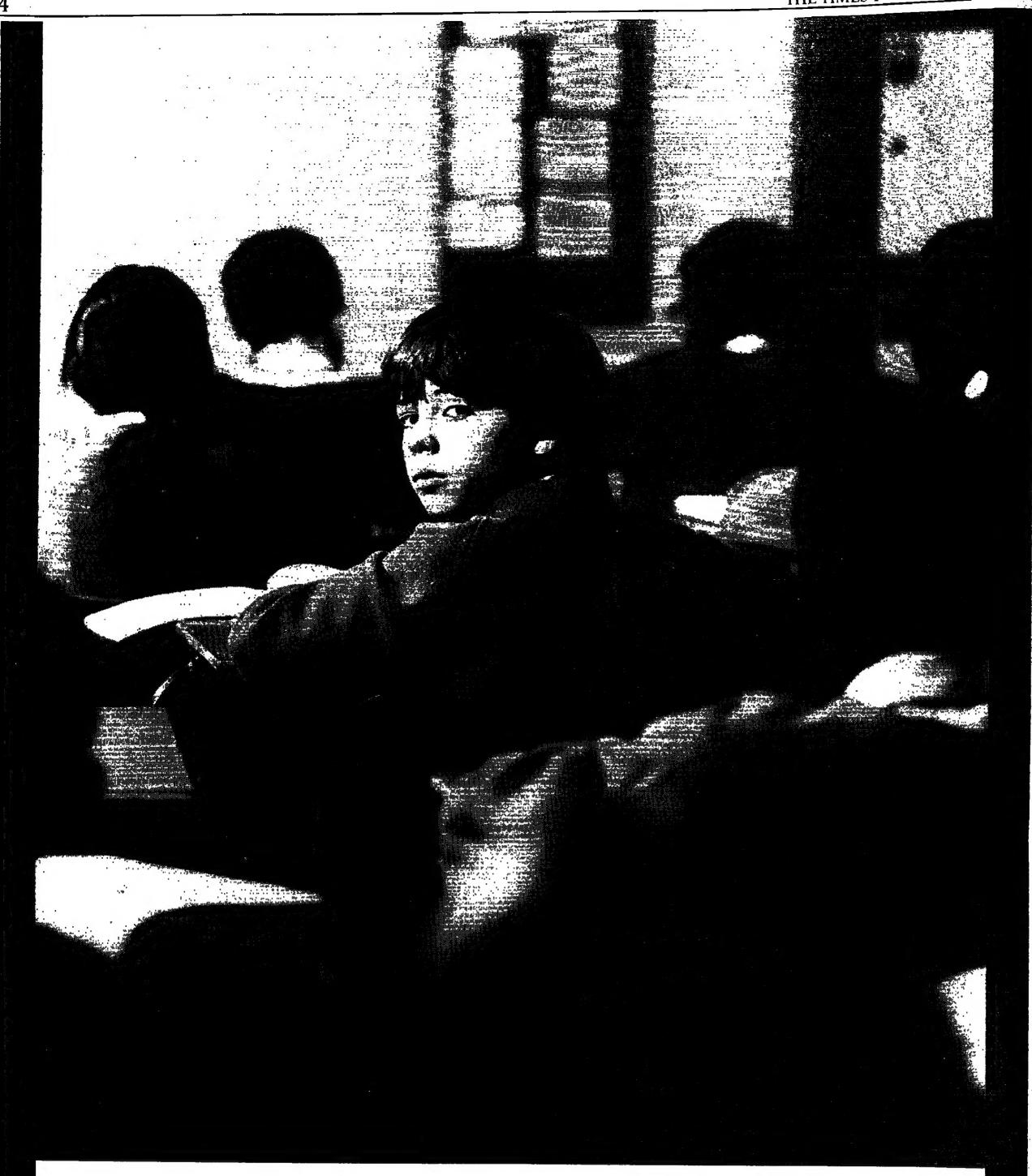
away and a spate of IRA bomb threats on popularity. In 1993 a group of lesbian anti-nuclear demonstrators scaled the walls and barbed wire with ladders, and sat on the palace lawn singing and chanting before armed police rounded them up. The following year, a naked American paraglider braved chilly Febru-ary weather to land on the roof. In 1995 a Wakefield man was given two years' probation after driving 200 miles from his Yorkshire home to ram the Palace gates, causing significant damage.

But one intruder remains undetected. Early last year an urban fox slunk past police, guardsmen and security cameras to enter the gardens, where it killed the Overn's nine flamingoes. The beast has never been apprehended.

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Confusion over tuning hits Channel 5 figures

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

FILMS LEAD THE RATINGS

The Broadcast Audience Research Board says that eight out of

Channel 5's top ten performing programmes for the week end-

ing on April 13 were feature films. Only four films, Highlander. Punchline, Trapped and Deceived and This Boy's Life, attracted more than one million viewers. The most successful

screening has been Mrs Doubtfire, with 2.85 million viewers,

on Sunday, April 6. Advertisers are concerned about the rel-

atively weak performance of the rest of the channel's program-

ming, particularly its soap opera, Family Affairs, which has

audiences hovering around the 500,000-600,000 mark.

CHANNEL 5 is reaching less than half the country, despite promises at its launch four weeks ago that at least 60 per cent of the population would be able to watch it.

The new station's own research shows that only half the people who should be able to receive Channel 5 have tuned their television sets to its frequencies. Where people have tuned in, many are still faced with pictures and sound of such poor quality that they would rather not watch

David Elstein, chief executive of Channel 5, conceded that the station's average share of weekly viewing, at 2.8 per cent, was lower than the 3 per cent it had expected by now. It is aiming to reach 5 per cent by the end of the year, "We have conducted extensive surveys and, on the evidence we have got so far, about 50 per cent of the population seems to have tuned into us it's 5 per cent lower than we thought we would be."

He added that many viewers appeared to have confused fore the station was launched. video and satellite equipment had to be retuned in about ten million homes that might have suffered signal interference. Retuners routinely tuned people's television sets to receive

Channel 5. Many people who had not received a retuning visit, because interference was not a problem in their area, may not realised that they still needed to tune their sets to Channel 5 if they want to watch it.

Mr Elstein said: "It is 15 years since the last terrestrial channel was launched in the United Kingdom and many people buy preset televisions. so it is not surprising that they

don't know how to tune in their sets."

Channel 5 will be launching a big marketing campaign to inform people of the need to tune their sets. Advertisements for big programmes. such as its exclusive live coverage of England's football match against Poland on May 31, will carry a reminder that people will need to tune in.

It is still unknown exactly how many homes will suffer poor reception. The Confederation of Aerial Industries has estimated that up to three million homes may need new aerials, costing from f40 to £150 each, in order to receive Channel 5 clearly. Mr Elstein

J. Walter Thompson, said that

aerials.

advertisers were disappointed with the station's performance and were anxious about poor reception putting people off watching. The one good thing to come from all this is that it is pushing Channel 5 to invest more in programming, such as films and sports, than it had originally planned in order to persuade people it is orthwhile tuning in."

Mr Barker added that, at present, Channel 5's top per-

forming programmes were

the news," he said.

denied reports that the station

the costs of new booster

was considering subsidising

He added that at least 23

million people would benefit

from clearer pictures when

Channel 5 switched on nine

new transmitters across the

tor of the media agency

Bill Barker, broadcast direc-

country in July.

films, which were getting au-diences of one million to 2.8 million. "The big challenge for Channel 5 will be for them to increase their audiences for things such as the snap and

Rare rhinos arrive for breeding programme

> BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

TWO wild Asian rhinos from Nepal are due in Britain today for an international captive breeding programme at Whipsnade Wild Animal Park in Bedfordshire

The two females, aged 14 to 16 months old, are from the Royal Chitwan National Park, where government wildlife staff, in collaboration with conservation groups in-cluding the World Wide Fund for Nature, have managed to boost the population of Asian, or one-horned, rhinos from 40 in 1975 to almost 500.

Simon Tonge, senior cura tor at London Zoo, said: Basle Zoo has been very successful at breeding onehorned rhinos over the past 30 to 40 years, but there are now a lot of the 150 animals in captivity related to the so-called Basie line. We need some wild animals to improve the genetic variation."

The only other place in which the animals are found are the swampy grasslands of



India, mainly in the Kaziranga National Park in Assam. Worldwide there are fewer than 2,000 Asian rhinos. The main threat is from poachers, keen to kill them for their horns, which are used as aphrodisiaes in the Far East. In the Yemen, the horns are

for daggers.

Whipsnade, which, with London Zoo, is owned by the Zoological Society of London, has a female and a male onehomed rhino. Another, their

son, is at Chester Zoo. Richard Burge, director general of the Zoological Society, said: "These animals will remain the property of the

Kingdom of Nepal and their loan is a magnificent state-ment of confidence and trust from the people of Nepal to the society. These precious and unique animals will enable the UK to contribute significantly to the conservation of a rare species and its

City rustlers keep lambs on allotment

BY PAUL WILKINSON

POLICE have returned a twoweek-old lamb found wandering the streets of Sunderland to the North Yorkshire farm 50 miles away from which it had been taken.

Lambs are being stolen by urban rustlers from their unfenced pastures and reared in the unlikely setting of council allotments. After six months they are slaughtered, either for the rustler's freezer or for sale from a car boot.

With prime lambs fetching up to £80 each, rustling can be lucrative. Two years ago farmers in upland North Yorkshire lost-3,000 lambs in one season. They have lost 23 in the past month. Owners have now set



up Operation Sheepwatch. Brian Cook, one of its organisers, said: "Urban rustiers are a problem and I would urge anyone in a town who suddenly notices a lamb in the yard or allotment next door to contact us or the police. If the lamb has been bought genuinely as a pet at an auction mart, the owner will have a receipt

"We take it in turns driving around the area, looking out for anything suspicious, and we have contact numbers if there are any reports of prowlers." The lambs have numbers and ear tags identifying the

farm they come from.

Alan Bainbridge, of Mid-dleham, from whose farm the lamb found in Sunderland was stolen, said: "The people who take these lambs are idiots. They will waste away without a mother and proper feed. It's hard enough to rear them on a farm, let alone in someone's back yard."

Tony Lidgare, spokesman for North Yorkshire Police. said: "Operation Sheepwatch has proved very successful. although rustling is still a problem, with £100,000 worth of sheep being stolen in the county each year. Large-scale rustlers will turn up with a truck and two dogs, but the mere presence of farmers and police patrolling the moors is often enough to put them off."

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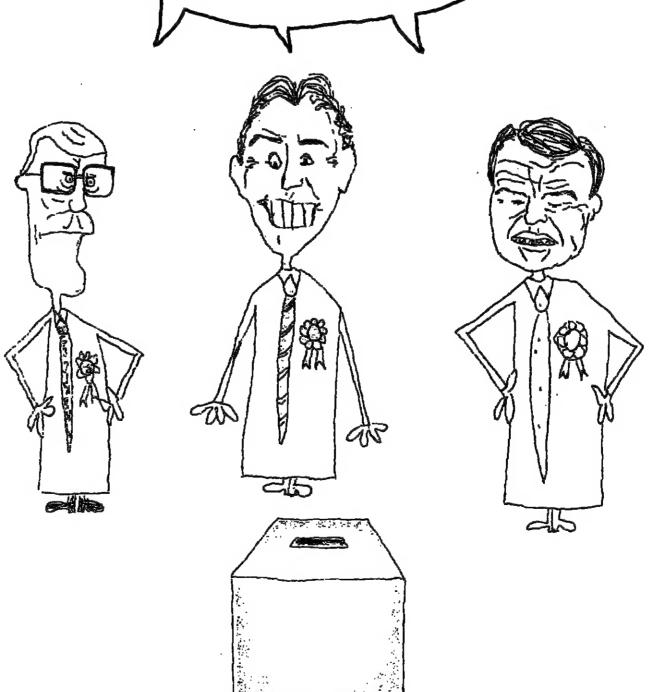
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Son must sell home to pay for mother's care, judge rules

A MAN who gave up his job to look after his ailing mother must sell his home to pay for her care, the High Court ruled yesterday. The landmark rulmove back to the family home to look after someone who is ill risk losing the roof over their heads if the sick relative has to move into residential care.

The ruling does not affect the rights of a husband or wife to keep their home if their spouse has to go into care. However, anyone else, including children, who live in a house caring for sick relatives are covered by the ruling. Help the Aged received 3,000 inquiries last year from carers in this predicament.

The test case involved David Harcombe, 52, who emigrated to Australia in 1976 to become a social worker. In 1991 he returned to Britain to look after his mother, Faith, who had suffered from Parkinson's disease and had been forced to leave her four-bedroom house at Watchet in Somerset and go into care.

Because her son could look after her, she was able to move back to her house, but in 1993 she suffered a series of strokes

which meant she needed fulltime care again and moved to a residential home in Minehead. Her income was £500 a month short of the fees. and Somerset County Council decided that her home must

be sold to meet the difference.

garded because it would not

be reasonable to do so in all

It was central to the case

that Mr Harcombe returned

to Australia in an attempt to

re-establish his career. This

meant that his current occupa-

tion of the house was not attributable to any need for him to care for his mother.

"Rather it is attributable to his

own decision to give up his job

and accommodation in Aus-

tralia," the judge said. He agreed that the council

was right in deciding not to

enforce the charge over Mrs Harcombe's home and sell it

while her son still lived there.

That was in recognition of his

emotional attachment to the

property and the support he had given to his mother in her

final years. But the concession

would give no rights to anyone

The judge adjourned the question of who should pay the action's heavy legal costs.

else who lived there.

the circumstances."

The council refused to exercise the discretion it has to allow Mrs Harcombe's son to keep the home, partly because he returned to Australia in March 1994 to resume his career. However, he soon gave this up and returned to Somerset. He is now unemployed. The council agreed that as long as he lived in the house it would not force him to sell, although it continued to claim £500 a month for the care,

His mother died ten days ago, aged 85, with the outstanding bill at £25,000. Interest will now start to accrue on it. Mrs Harcombe's estate is to be divided between her son and his sister, Ann, but the longer the bill is unpaid the less money will be left for

Mr Justice Forbes said there was nothing unreasonable in the council's approach. "I have decided that the value of the house should not be disre-

Wilde to hold forth with weary passers-by

A MONUMENT to Oscar Wilde, showing his head and a cigarette-clad hand rising from a granite sarcophagus, has been commissioned from one of Britain's leading artists, Maggi Hambling, to mark next month's centenary of his release from Reading

The idea was proposed by the film director Derek Jarman shortly before his death in 1994. A committee, including the actress Dame Maggie Smith, the director Sir Richard Eyre and the poet Seamus Heaney, was subsequently set up to raise the estimated £175,000 needed for

Ms Hambling, seeking to reflect Wilde's wit and sense of the ridiculous, produced an image of him talking, laughing and smoking at one end of the sarcophagus, allowing the passer-by to sit at the other end and hold a conv-

ersation with him. "There are three elements, Holland, said: "Oscar seems she said. "The sarcophagus,



The granite and bronze monument by Maggi Hambling allows people to sit on one end and address Wilde

smile. It's going to cause a few

comments. Oscar once said

that there was only one thing

Wilde and whoever sits down on it." Maquettes, drawings and paintings for the work will be exhibited at the National Portrait Gallery next month, before the monument is erected in Adelaide Street,

near Trafalgfar Square. Wilde's grandson, Merlin

to be in full conversational flow. It's quite intimate. You feel almost as if he's talking to you. It's got wit and is entirely in keeping with his char-

He said that Wilde-whose trial and conviction in 1895 for bomosexual offences scandalised Victorian society

worse than being talked about would have been amused by - not being talked about." the whiff of controversy about The concept, Ms Hambling it. "Westminster council has explained, was inspired by a line from Lady Windermere's given its permission but evebrows were raised about the slightly unusual look. When Fan: "We are all in the gutter, it's explained to people, they but some of us are looking at

several Wilde quotes to

appear on the piece

Vicar's wives are taking the cloth

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

A TENTH of the Church of England's clergy are women, and in some dioceses the proportion is as high as one in live, according to a survey published yesterday. More than 300 are married to

clergymen.
The survey by the National Association of Diocesan Advisers in Women's Ministry covers the two years after the ordination of the first women priests in England in March 1994, and shows how quickly the change has spread in a than one third of those in many areas, although pockets active ministry were non-sti-

By the end of July 1996, there were 1,957 women in licensed ministry in the 43 dioceses. Most are middleaged, with relatively few below 40 or over 60 years old.

More than 200 are in "sector ministries, working as chaplains at hospitals, prisons, universities, colleges and in industry. Six out of ten

are married, 306 to clergymen The diocese with the largest number of women priests is Oxford, with 101, followed closely by Southwark, with 91. and St Albans, with 80. At the opposite end of the scale are Sodor and Man, which has one; Blackburn and Bradford, with 14 each, and Truro with 15.

The survey destroys the myth that most ordained time or unpaid posts. Fewer of traditionalist resistance pendiary, while about half of remain. pendiary, while about half of the total had full-time, stipendiary jobs, with 382 women enjoying the protection of the "parson's freehold" in incum bencies, or working as team

vicars or priest-in-charge. Canon Christine Farrington, chair of the national association and a priest in Cambridge, said: "We believe the figures from some dioceses are very heartening."

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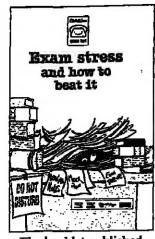
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ravaged by nightmares. Asked if he was being

disturbed by memories of

three years in the trenches in

the First World War, he

replied: "No. my dreams are of examinations." In old age,

the fear engendered by Cam-

bridge examiners was still

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Young children, even ba-

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their elders. Examinations in-

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of being judged is anathema

to the sensitive and anxious or

German gunners.

BY JOHN O'LEARY **EDUCATION EDITOR**

MOUNTING examination pressure on children from the age of seven onwards means demand for revision guides is soaring, publishers said yesterday, as an unprecedented number of pupils prepared for national tests. Next week 600,000 pupils sit the national curriculum tests for 14-yearolds. Tests for 11-year-olds are the following week, while sev-en-year-olds are assessed individually throughout the summer term.

With most GCSE and Alevel examinations scheduled

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The boom for publishers is accompanied by stress for candidates. ChildLine, the children's charity, issued a booklet yesterday to help anxious youngsters to cope.

A survey carried out by ChildLine last year showed that a sample of 1,000 secondary school pupils worried more about doing well at school than anything else in their lives. Children as young as 12 were worried about

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Aircom International, based

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business development and marketing, said: "This was an obvious area of diversification for us because we have the software engineers capable of coming up with a product attractive to young people. We think there is tremendous potential in the education market."

Demand for advice on coping with stress is also rising. The Associated Examining Board has seen orders for its free booklet, How to Do Better in Exams, reach 700,000 a vear and is prepared for another increase this summer.

John Hall, ChildLine's counselling support manager, said: "Adults often underestimate the stress that young people are under at exam time, and children sometimes find it hard to ask for help." He said that for some children the pressure to succeed became unbearable.

Revision guides, in book form, cost between E3 for the youngest age-groups and Ell for some A levels, while most CD-Roms range between £20 and £40. Many schools and local authorities have put on free revision classes for GCSE students, but private tutors can cost up to £20 an hour.

The ChildLine leaflet is available by telephoning 0171-239 1098, or by writing to ChildLine Royal Mail Building, Studd Street, London NI OQW. The AEB booklet is available from Barclays Bank STUTTAFORD on 0800 400100.



Maternity pay case could cost millions

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent.

A FORMER supermarket ance contributions and statucheck-out worker began an industrial tribunal claim for maternity pay yesterday. which, if successful, could cost employers millions of pounds in extra payments for two million women who do not earn enough to pay National Insurance contributions.

Deborah Banks is bringing the £700 claim against Tesco and the Secretary of State for Social Security after she was denied maternity pay because she did not earn enough.

She worked at the Tesco store in Gillingham, Kent. However, despite having worked since 1988, she had not earned enough over an eightweek period to qualify for payment of National Insurtory maternity pay.

The industrial tribunal in Ashford was told that Mrs Banks, who is being backed by

the charity Maternity Alli-ance, worked part-time and earned £55.93 per week - on average £1 less than the level set for National Insurance contributions. As a result, she received no maternity pay.

Tess Gill, for Mrs Banks, said the claim under the Equal Pay Act would, if not successful. be challenged through the appeal courts and at the European Court of Justice. The tribunal panel adjourned to discuss whether to accept jurisdiction for the case or refer it straight to the Back pain. caused by discontent with work conditions

MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

UNHAPPY workers are particularly prone to back pain. scientists have discovered. A survey of 4,500 adults has shown that the more dissatisfied people are with their johs: the more likely they are to suffer aches at the base of the spine. The problem affects 40 per cent of adults a year.

The researchers from the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council unit at Manchester University found that depression was responsible for more back pain than lifting heavy objects. The researchers discovered that a feeling of not being in control, and general dissatisfaction, was responsible for one in four of all new cases of lower back pain. One in six who developed an ache round the lower spine had shown signs of depression and psychological distress. Social class was not a factor.

Alan Silman, director of the Manchester unit, said the results showed employers needed to improve the working environment and grant workers more autonomy in the way they did their jobs.

The National Back Pain Association has launched a nationwide survey to find out how much the average schoolchild packs in a satchel. The association says it believes many people suffer from back pain in later life because of the wear and tear on their spine at school. It estimates that a 12 year old, weighing about 6st probably carries about a third of their body weight around with them in their school bag.

With schools increasingly requiring children to move from classroom to classroom rather than having teachers coming to them, they have to carry the bag around all day.

The problem is exacerbated by lack of locker space, poorly designed desks, an increase in sedentary lessons such as computing and a decrease in physical education. Although regulations exist to prevent adults from lifting too much, the association says that there are no load-bearing weight restrictions for children.

☐ Trade unionists laid a wreath outside the Health and Safety Executive's London headquarters yesterday in honour of employees who have been killed by poor conditions at work. The event was one of many organised around the country to commemorate Workers' Memori-

al Day. Since 1979, 680 members of the GMB union have been killed at work or died as a result of illness caused at work. Almost half of the deaths were because of expo-

One third of learners fail driving theory test

By Kevin Eason

THOUSANDS of learner drivers are taking advantage of a fall in the number of people taking driving tests by retak-ing the tests on the same day to ensure they get their licence.

Since January I, pupils must pass the extra hurdle of a written examination before they can take the on-road test. The pass rate for the theory test is 65 per cent, and many are not even booking lessons until they have passed.

The fall in the number of people booking an on-road test has led to empty driving centres with unfilled slots for on-road examinations, while driving schools are struggling to find business. More than 300 examiners employed on contract by the Driving Standards Agency are working as little as a day a month. BSM, Britain's biggest driving school, said last night that it was closing 18 branches.

Martin Arnold, for BSM, said: "Applications for road tests have fallen by 54 per cent so there are bound to be gaps for learners to jump into. We are hearing a lot of stories of learners who fail their test, get straight back onto the telephone and make a booking for later in the day and go back sometimes with the same examiner — to try again."

One man, who had told a new employer he could drive when he had no licence, took his test five times in three days until he passed, according to BSM's King's Heath branch in Birmingham.

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LIVE AT No 10 SINCE 1951

Nervous Labour dares to relax

Blair's team has learned to

laugh off mishaps

which used to throw it into

a rage, writes

Ben Macintyre

IN Nottingham, the backdrop of Labour campaign posters behind Tony Blair slowly disintegrated in mid-press-conference as the cameras rolled; in Loughborough the Labour leader was hit by a well-aimed apple core, the first flying fruit of the election; in Leicester Town Hall square he was loudly and persistently heckled by a man sitting high in a tree and demanding that he "tax the rich".

Three weeks ago, this succession of embarrassments would have sent the Blair spin-doctors into a splenetic rage. But the Labour campaign is no longer the brittle and nervous thing it was, for a perceptible whiff of imminent victory is already emanating from the Blair camp, despite strenuous efforts to suppress

The visible hardening of the jaw to which Mr Blair is prone in times of stress has gone; instead he wears the unmistakable, slightly guilty demeanour of a boy who knows what he is getting for Christmas but doesn't want to spoil the surprise by letting it be known that he knows:

He is indiscriminately benevolent. With a smile, he
thanked whoever had inexpertly tacked up the campaign
posters in Nottingham's Central TV studios; there was
another vote of thanks and a
grin for whoever tossed the
remains of his apple on the
playing fields of Loughborough University, catching
Mr Blair on the arm. He was
even grateful for the vociferous interruptions from the
Leicester tree-dweller wearing

the strange Inca hat.
"Thanks very much." said
Mr Blair, like Bruce Forsyth
camping lit up for the studio

Instead of trading wordless recriminations, as before, the Labour aides now exchange winks and nudges. Cheric Blair performs a peculiar, bobbing, adoring dance as her

husband delivers his speeches.
But if the body-language of
the Blair campaign betokens
the suphoria of approaching
victory, the spoken language
is contrasting and consistently, if not quite credibly, down-

In Nottingham Mr Blair announced that he was taking nothing for granted: in Loughborough he was apparently taking even less for granted: by the time he reached Leicester, here was man who would not like to predict whether the sun will rise tomorrow, let alone the

outcome of the election.

In a little over three hours, he refused to count his chickens (those mascots of this election) a total of eight times, roundly declared that Britain "is not a landslide country" four times, and eschewed "complacency" with metro-

nomic regularity.

Every time he proclaimed his incertitude, however, the Labour leader appeared a little more certain.

Posing with the Loughborough University rugby XV, alongside the splen-



didly villainous and sweaty figure of former England hooker Brian Moore Mr Blair's determination to avoid premature jubilation and hubris was stretched to the limit. On cue, one of the players turned his back to the cameras and there, suddenly, Mr Blair was standing next to Number Ten. "We don't want to be triumphalist," he said,

triumphantly.

The contrast with the tension and uncertainty of the campaign's opening days could hardly be more acute. Mr Blair has relaxed, and the mood has been caught by his team, even though many of them are far less certain what their job will be next week

"Tony Blair hit by Granny Smith" was a headline that would once have sent the aides into turmoil, but yesterday they barely flinched as the chewed missile whizzed unexpectedly out of the crowd of Loughborough students. Similarly in Leicester, when supporters of the Socialist Labour Party set up chants of "New Labour, New Tory" and "Tory Blair", the Labour leader merely shrugged indulgently and shot back: "Every time you voice support for Arthur Scargili's party you do a disservice to everything the Labour Party stands for." The

smiled, but not too much. Mrs
Blair bobbed.

The Blair campaign is de
off again.

crowd cheered. Mr Blair

veloping a glamorous edge that would have been unthinkable in its earlier stages. Take the formation of helicopters laid on to ferry the Labour team and accompanying press around the country, a "presidential" technique of a sort that Mr Blair has hitherto studiously avoided. Even the spin-nurses could be heard humming "The Ride of the Valkyries" the theme from Apocalypse Now.

The new celebrity atmosphere seems to be contagious. A man in Leicester caught sight of Mrs Blair working the crowd. He rushed up. stared at her as if apprising a pin-up girl in the flesh. "Very attractive," he declared, and dashed off again.

By Valerie Elliott

TONY BLAIR and his family will move into 10 Downing Street if he becomes Prime Minister, it was confirmed yesterday, although building work may have to be carried out to extend the private flat to make it big enough for the family.

WHITEHALL EDITOR

The disclosure by White-hall sources that Mr and Mrs Blair would move their three children into the small flat from their home in Islington, north London, came on a day when Mr Blair had been preaching to his party about the risks of commplacency. His office reacted furiously, describing the disclosure as "inaccurate, unhelpful and inappropriate".

Any changes needed for the flat would be paid for by the public purse. At present, it includes four bedrooms, a sitting room, dining room, kitchen and two or three bathrooms. It could be several weeks before it is ready for the Blairs. This would be the first time children have lived at Number 10 since. Attlee moved his family out of the flat in the former servants' quarters in 1951.

It is thought unlikely that Mr Blair would sanction any lavish refurbishment, but the flat could be extended by taking over some upstairs training rooms as well as bedrooms used by civil servants who sometimes have to stay overnight.

Any expenditure would have to be approved by Alex Allan, the Prime Minister's principal private secretary, who is the Downing Street



Number 10 may be scene of children's games again

accounting officer. It would have to be justifiable and the decision would be taken in the same way as any other decision in government.

One view at Westminster yesterday was that the Blairs would prefer to delay a family move into Downing Street until Euan, 13. Nicholas, 11. and Kathryn, nine, are on their summer holidays.

from school.

The Downing Street flat, entered by a white door

marked "private", is on a mezzanine floor six or seven steps up from the policy unit. The flat is in former servants' cramped quarters and there is no longer any permanent domestic staff to help the Prime Minister. Occasionally staff from Chequers help the Majors mid-week.

A security source said last night that "anything was possible for the Blairs — how they wish to live as a family — if they co-operate with us.

As long as we know who is coming and going, then it would be fine."

would be fine."

Mr Blair, and his wife
Cherie have never set foot in
the Prime Minister's private
accommodation — their only
visit to Number 10 was to a
state banquet — and it would
not be known whether it
would suit their family's
needs until they are shown
the layout on Friday when
the election results are known.

the elction results are known. In theory, the Blairs could have the pick of any of the government houses in London. There are three flats in the Admiralty, a residence in Carlton Gardens used by the Foreign Secretary, and a Belgravia home which has been used recently by home

The last children to play regularly in the Donwing Street garden were Tom and Emily Lawson when their father was

Chancellor. Margaret
Thatcher was sympathetic to
the needs of the Lawsons'
young family who lived at
No II. She used to allow them
a paddlign pool and climbing frame in the garden and
the children were banned
from using the No logarden
only on Thursday morning
when the Cabinet met.

Harold Macmillan's grandson, the Earl of Stockton, recalled many occasions when he was allowed to play in Downing Street when his grandfather was Prime Minister. At a party, he recalled, he and his cousins ended up dancing the conga in the basement and because all the corridors inter-connected, they ended in the Ministry of Defence building on the other side of Whitehall.

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Win or lose, the red rose party will go on at least until dawn

LABOUR is planning a huge election night party for its staff, regardless of the result of Thursday's poll (James Landale

writes).
Invitations to the late-night jamboree will go out today to hundreds of party officials at Labour's London headquarters around the country.

and others around the country.

Amid Tory accusations of Labour complacency, party officials yesterday said the event was simply a way of thanking staff for their hard work during

the campaign.

After the polls have closed at l0pm on Thursday, hundreds of Labour officials

and party workers at Millbank Tower will head over the Thames to the Royal Festival Hall on the South Bank. There, probably in People's Palace restaurant, they will drink, listen to music and watch the results coming in on huge television

Labour aides said many other party supporters and "B-list" celebrities were also expected to join in the fun. Peter Cunnah, lead singer of D:Ream, whose song Things Can Only Get Better has become Labour's anthem for the election, is expected to attend, along with artists such as the Jazz a Belles and the comedy

group. Newsrevue. After flying down from Sedgefield, Tony Blair is expected to address the gathering at about 4.30am on Friday.

probably in People's Palace restaurant, they will drink, listen to music and watch the results coming in on huge television screens until 5am.

Labour aides said many other party supporters and "B-list" celebrities were supporters and "B-list" celebrities were supporters and "b-list" celebrities were as volunteers, in Labour's central camnaion."

Labour is keenly aware of the damaging impact its "victory" party had when they lost the last election in 1992. Officials were seen crying amid unopened bottles of champagne.

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Major's manic odyssey to keep kingdom together



Despite a growing Tory end-of-term feeling, Charles Bremner finds the head looking forward to a new timetable

JOHN MAJOR took up arms yesterday to fight against collapse. However, the threat of disintegration which he invoked in a manic day of aeroplane hopping, did not apply to his own fortunes but the unity of the

In a ten-hour odyssey, he visited Belfast, Edinburgh, North Wales and returned to London, to trumpet the evils of disunion in its various forms, from Sinn Fein and the IRA to Labour's devolution plans. Putting the question at its simplest in Scotland, he asked: "Do you want the United Kingdom broken up into bite-size

If he was four days from losing the election, he was determined not to show it as he displayed punchy form in a day of symbol-laden "picture bites". From the centre of Belfast to a windswept Welsh hillside, he wielded the future indicative, outlining actions planned for his

With his back to the elec-

circling within his own party. Mr Major seems determined to go down fighting, "He's not in denial," said one aide. "He really believes he's going to win.

It was impossible, however, to disguise the end-of-term feel, especially aboard "kilo alpha", the British Midland Boeing 737 which was on its last outing as his flying campaign battle bus. Festive rather than funereal, the crew had decked the cabin with balloons, draping blue crepe over Mr Major's seats

Mr Major spent much of the day plotting his final offensive with Dr Brian Mawhinney and other strat-egists. The party chairman, also known as the Belfast Strangler, was the hand behind the Prime Minister's most delicate stop, a onehour visit to Belfast.

He spent only 30 minutes in the city but it was one in the eye for the IRA and their campaign to disrupt the campaign. Before departing, we were offered a touch of the incongruous when Gilbert



Norma makes banner headlines in Edinburgh

Chalk, a London merchant banker and local Tory candi-Three cheers for the Prime The public school tones of

Mr Chalk's "hip hip hoorays" were echoed in the similarly un-Scottish vowels of Lord James Douglas Hamilton and many Tory loyalists in Edinburgh. Standing by the National Gallery under the shadow of the castle, Mr Major told the Scots to think what was at stake before they voted: "This is maybe a vote that will change the history and future of Scotland and the rest of the UK." Enjoying himself, he even managed to

carve up a few hecklers. Another flight later, in Wales, the plane-load of media and other retainers were driven off through sheep-strewn countryside for the privilege of watching Mr Major and Norma posing for pictures with Anglesey and the Menai bridge behind them. Mr Major's message from the Welsh stopover was a warning against the extra taxes which he said Wales

local assembly. Then it was back into the notorcade and the aeroplane for London, where he stood on the green at Westminster. offering another Union "photo-op" with parliament ochhind him. Mr Major will wind down the campaign

would pay if Labour was

elected and proceded with a

Blame game exposes the twin Tory camps

Andrew Pierce and Philip Webster on how No 10 sidelined Central Office

THE divisions within the Conservative party were laid bare last night when friends of its chairman, Brian Mawhinney. accused Downing Street of setting him up as the scapegoat should the Tories lose the

Supporters of Dr Mawhinney, who is in charge of Central Office and election campaign staff, accused their Downing Street counterparts yesterday of briefing against

The root of the deepening discontent between the two camps stems from John Major's unilateral decision to put Europe at the centre of the campaign. Mr Major dis-cussed his plans at Downing Street with key aides such as Lord Cranborne, his chief-ofstaff and Howell James, his political secretary.

The Prime Minister's decision to rely on his Downing Street team of advisers in preference to Central Office exposed the most serious tensions. "Downing Street calls all the shorts. It is a rival power base." said a supporter of Dr Mawhinney.

The growing tensions mirror the 1987 election campaign when Lord Young sought alternative advertising campaign advice without the knowledge of Lord Tebbit, then party chairman. "John Major is the Lord Young figure this time round," said a friend of Dr Mawhinney. One Senior Tory official

added: "Everyone is very sensitive about the blame game. The chairman assumes it is the Majorites who are briefing against Central Office." Dr Mawhinney is particularly sensitive about criticism because of the affect it could have on his post-election future. Central Office was brought

Brian Mawhinney, left, and Lord Saatchi, who fell

out over the Conservative's advertising campaign

into the discussions to put Europe at the centre of the campaign only an hour before the morning's press conference, on the economy, was due to begin. "We were bounced." said a source. Mr Major also decided in Downing Street to remake that night's election broadcast on Europe, defying Dr Mawhinney who tried to persuade him to revert to the original which focused on reports on the lunchtime

The next morning's press conference was again dominated by Europe when Mr Major revealed that he would give Tory MPs a free vote on a single currency. It was unscripted. He had not told Dr Mawhinney. "At that point it was obvious Central Office had lost control of the campaign to Major's men at

Downing Street." The predominately Eurosceptic camp at Central Office thought the only votes to be gained by putting Europe at the centre was if Mr Major ruled out a single currency. which was never going to happen. "The issue became Mr Major versus Mr Blair at

mental conference. Most voters have never heard of the IGC. We just wasted days and days," said the source.

Dr Mawhinney, backed by Sir Tim Bell, another key adviser, David Willetts and Danny Finklestein, who run the research department, wanted to hit Mr Blair hard. and concentrate on "trust and the wallet. They were again overruled

For Dr Mawhinney and his friends the campaign never ment figures, good inflation figures, the country's recovery was lost in the din of Europe. Labour was no longer on the defensive and making up policy on the hoof. It was always: going to make it hard then to. turn around the opinion

It was also confirmed that there have been disagreements between the party's advertising chief, Lord Saatchi, and Central Office. Tensions between Dr Mawhinney and Lord Saatchi arose before the campaign began when Lord Saatchi objected to criticism, frequently clashed with Dr Mawhinney, and unfairly blamed Central Office for pulling some of his best advertisements, a Tory insider said.

Official Tory sources said talk of a serious rift was "overblown". "This is a grown-up campaign and occasionally you are going to get

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Blair initiates musical chairs for Cabinet table

caution aside at the weekend by beginning, privately, to name members of his first Cabinet, The problem for political pundits desperate to know the make-up of the new government was that the aides left 18 gaps around the Cabinet

Four of Mr Blair's closest lieutenants can stand easy, backing. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, Robin Cook, Shadow Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw, Shadow Home Secretary, and David Blunkett, Shadow Education and Emloyment Secretary. can book themselves into their matching government posts alongside Mr Blair.

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, has been assured of a "key post" by Mr Blair and is expected to contin-ue the title of Deputy Prime Minister revived by Michael Heseltine. A role as "Superminister", co-ordinating environmental and transport policy, together with a regional development strategy that he has already set in

train, looks likely. Donald Dewar, currently the party's Chief Whip, has been touted for several pivotal roles. However, his record as a highly skilled parliamentary negotiator is likely to secure the post of Leader of the Commons, where he would steer through flagship legislation in the face of demolition tactics by the Tory Opposition.

That would allow Mr Blair to appoint a woman as Chief Whip, with Ann Taylor moving from the Shadow Leader of the Commons to the crucial non-Cabinet role.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, Shadow Lord Chancellor and a close confidant of Mr Blair, looks certain to take over the matching Government post, retaining his strong advisory role. Another essential Cabinet position, that of Leader of the Lords, looks set to go to Lord Richard, although Mr Blair has faced pressure to put Baroness Blackstone in post.

Although Harrict Harman, as Shadow Social Security Secretary, and Chris Smith. Shadow Health Secretary, have suffered from negative campaigning at the hands of Gordon Brown's spin doctors, a desire for continuity may keep them in post. Although



Leader of the Commons

Dewar: tipped to become

The race is on to name the 23 members of Tony Blair's first

Cabinet. So far there are 18 empty places, writes Arthur Leathley

Margaret Beckett, a defeated Labour leadership candidate, looks set to have a prominent position in Cabinet, there are doubts over the composition of her Department of Trade and Industry. Jack Cunningham. the current Shadow National Heritage Secretary, is considered to have the charisma to become the high-profile "min-

ister for fun". Mr Prescott's cross-departmental brief is likely to prompt the end of a specific Transport Secretary position, offering Mr Blair the opportunity to move Andrew Smith

Such a move leaves David Clark, the Shadow Defence secretary, looking doomed to a non-Cabinet position

The Environment Department also looks set to be stripped of much of its present power, leaving Frank Dobson without a role. He may prefer to let the junior Cabinet position on education go to a newcomer, such as Stephen

Question marks hang over the futures of Tom Clarke, the Shadow Disabled Rights Minister, and Clare Short, Shadow Overseas Development Minister, each of whose posts may be downgraded to non-Cabinet rank. The heads of the shadow Northern Ireland, Welsh and Scottish offices have prompted criticism within the party. However, the respective incumbents, Mar-jorie Mowlem, Ron Davies and George Robertson, may be spared the axe in the short

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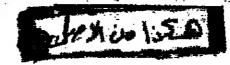
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Heseltine snaps over taunts that Major ducked TV

Jill Sherman watches the dutiful deputy fly into a rage

MICHAEL HESELTINE flew into a temper last night when members of a television studio audience accused John Major of being "chicken" for failing to appear on the programme and be cross-questioned by

The Prime Minister told London Weekend Television on Sunday morning that he would be unable to attend ITV 500 — The People's Election when each of the three party leaders was due to face 20 minutes of questions from a representative audience. It is the only peak-time television election programme where voters have a chance to chall-

enge politicians directly. Yesterday the Deputy Prime Minister, who took his place, worked himself up into a rage minutes after the programme got under way after a hostile audience taunted him over Mr Major's absence,

Sue Lawley introduced the programme by saying that it had been expected that the three leaders would be there, but John Major "let us know over the last few days that he would not be joining us".

The 500-strong audience booed softly during the introduction prompting an angry outburst from Mr Heseltine. We cannot allow the fact that the Prime Minister has been in Northern Ireland and couldn't announce his programme because of security reasons to go by," he said.

But when one member of the audience shouted out "chicken" he lost his temper.
"If you think that the Prime Minister going to Northern Ireland is 'chicken' you haven't the first idea what a brave and courageous man is all about," he snapped.

When Ms Lawley pointed out that he was visiting Northern Ireland yesterday morning, but that the programme was taking place in the after-



Lawley: pointed out that visit was in the morning

noon, he added tersely: "he was also visiting other parts of the United Kingdom. That is the big issue of the day."

Mr Heseltine then attacked the political learnings of the audience after facing a barrage of questions on poverty, low wages and grammar schools and how the Tories had managed to "con the country for the past 18 years". He argued that because the audience had been selected by the polling organisation MORI to represent a cross section of the public they were inherently hostile to the Con-

"Let us not have any illusions," he said. "This audience is carefully selected to represent the political parties. That means, on any normal statistics, about two-thirds of this audience want either a Liberal or Labour candidate to win. It is an audience that is bound to give an anti-Government slant, and I hope everybody at home will understand that,"

Mr Heseltine did little to try to win round his audience. who had been selected two months ago. He sparked further jeers when he told a nurse complaining about pay rises handed out to "fat cats" that average earnings were rising ahead of inflation. "It's no use shouting, if you don't like the truth, the fact is that average earnings are rising faster than inflation," he retorted angrily. "That's why living standards are rising, the housing market

is booming, retail sales are rising - because people are

Pressed on the tax rises brought in by the Tories after the last election, Mr Heseltine said there had been 25 tax reductions and he was proud that the Government had decided to raise taxes to protect essential public services dur-

ing the recession.

Ms Lawley suggested that the nation's trust had been eroded by the tax rises. But to shouts of rubbish Mr Heseltine argued: "If we had cut essential public services at that time under the pressure of the recession, we wouldn't have deserved to be re-elected today. But we were not prepared to let the pensioners, the realth service and the school

He got further heckling when he suggested that no one had to rely on the basic state pension. Asked if he could manage on a state pension he said: "No old age pensioner has to manage on just the old age pension. There is council tax benefit, housing benefit... and depending on their circumstances, a range of health

service benefits.*
Paddy Ashdown and Tony Blair were also given a rough ride when they had to take centre stage for 20 minutes, but neither was ruffled by the hostile questioning.

Mr Ashdown appeared to condone tactical voting when he said people who wanted the Tories out should vote for the party most likely to get them out. "Vote for what you believe in. Cast your vote for what you want. If your purpose is getting rid of this government, you vote to achieve that."

Mr Ashdown confirmed that he would not work with a Conservative government in a hung Parliament but he also gave a strong indication that he expected a clear Labour majority. A hung Parliament was extremely unlikely to happen," he said.



Michael Heseltine denied that John Major was being "chicken" by not appearing on programme

Labour takes wing with a vision of the future

THE Tories tried to frighten voters early in the campaign with a piece of television fiction speculating on what life might be like under Labour. Last night Labour returned the compliment. While the Tories showed a string of materialistic voters whining that they had been duped into voting Labour and were quickly worse off, Labour screened a featurette

of life after a Tory victory. A young father is too late to vote on Thursday because he has been waiting six hours in casualty while overworked NHS staff treat his daughter's fractured arm. As he walks out of the hospital, it is pouring with tain. A cab pulls up and tells them to get in. Then the cabbie, played by Pete Postlethwaite, reyeals that he has special

insight into people's lives.
Life under the Tories would mean more crowded hospitals, larger school class sizes, perhaps VAT on food, unsafe streets. And as he drops them, waiving the fare, the father notices that the hands of the public clock is being turned back. There is still time to vote Labour. TV WATCH NICHOLAS

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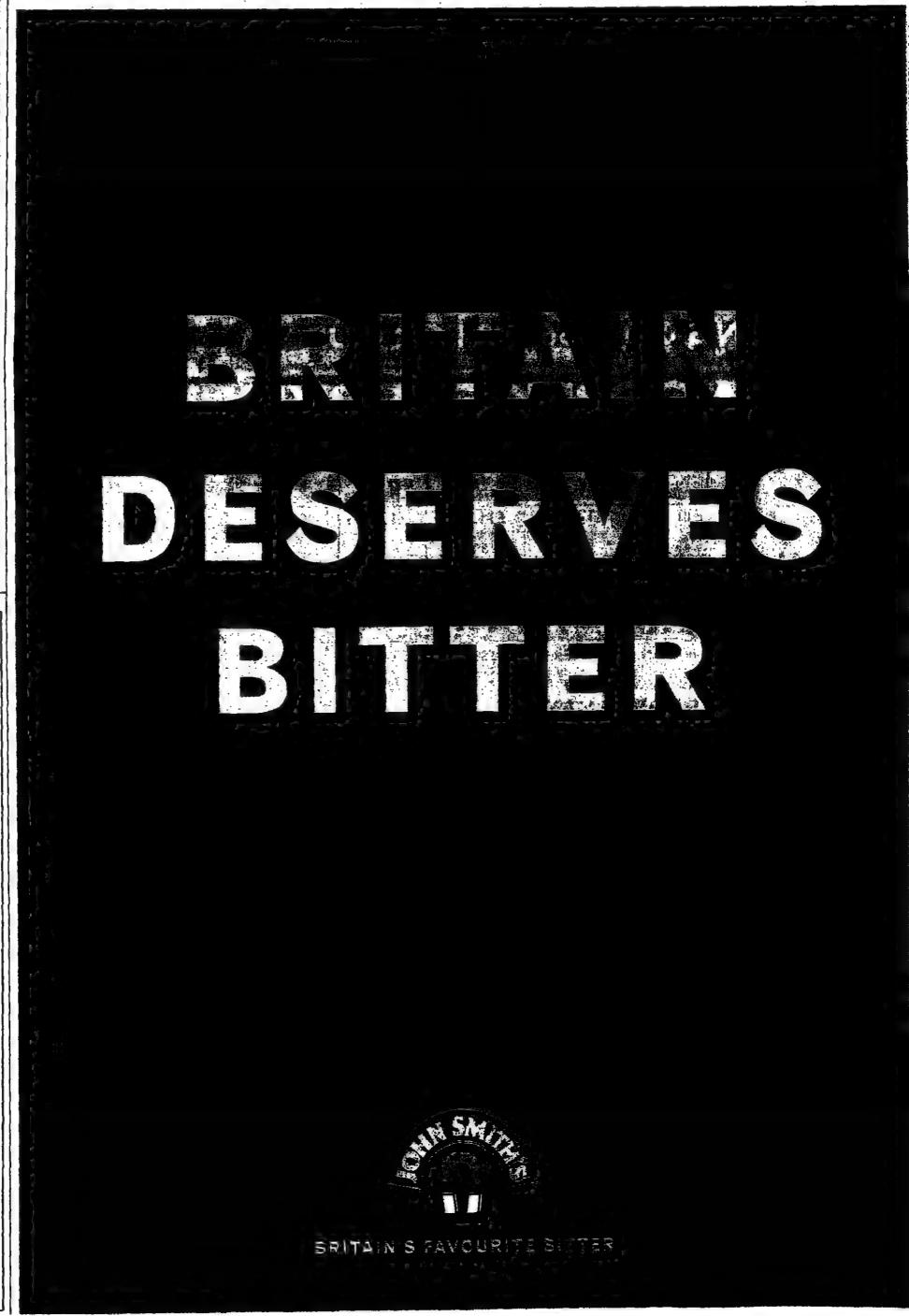
Film buffs will enjoy the parallels. The plot is a lift from Frank Capra's It's a Wonderful Life, in which an angel shows a suicidal James Stewart the devastation created if he had never existed. The Labour cabbie

Labour's director was Stephen Frears, the master of English television films like My Beautiful Laundrette who made movies like The Grifters in the USA. The central assumption of the Labour film is, of course, riven with implausibilities. Whoever heard of an empty cab when it is pouring with rain? Who knows of a cabbie who will pass up a fare in

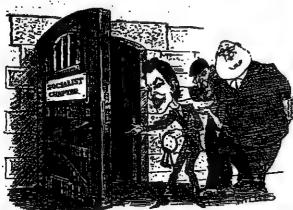
any circumstances? The skill of Frears, however, was to bridge the gap between his fantasy world and the real one. Although scenes were in soft focus and overlit as in a dream, the were real - an

overcrowded hospital with patients lying in corridors: an overcrowded schoolroom, where children cannot concentrate; a high street where a child is scared by the anarchic behaviour of the children around her. Only when making the point about VAT on heating, where the girl opens her grandmother's cupboard to find it bare because VAT has been put on food, did this

unlikely marriage of fact and the fabulous look absurd. Labour have been winning the war of the election broadcasts. They have screened the buildog Fitz. Molly Dincen's Blair documentary and last night's Taxi Driver — all well-made and well targeted. The Tory films have been weaker the tree without roots perhaps the most ineffective and were blown off-course as Mr Major scrapped the reg-ular schedule to make a direct appeal to his party and the nation. All of which means very little, of course. Labour won the television propaganda wars in 1992 and 1987, too, but they lost







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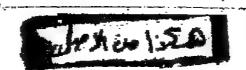
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Paddy keeps his hair on in air raid on loose bits

BOARDING a Sikorski helicopter to accompany Paddy Ashdown on a whirlwind tour of Liberal Democrat target seats, we were handed the three items those facing a day with a party leader should never be without: ear-muffs, a sick-bag, and a map indicating the escape hatch.

Hold on to your loose bits," shouted one of Mr Ashdown's aides, as we were ushered on to the tarmac at Battersea Heliport in London, "or they'll blow away." The Liberal Democrats airborne mission was to storm - in a morning - four Conservative constituencies with tiny majorities. and blow the Tories' loose bits away. From the window of the helicopter we watched Mr Ashdown's black Jaguar sweep up. In a moment the former Marine would be under that whirling rotor. A single question gripped onlookers. Does he lacquer his hair? Our chopper would provide the ultimate test. Ashdown stepped from the limousine, adjusted his eyes to slit-mode for a day's gritty glad-handing, and walked be-

neath the blades. The Times is pleased to announce that Mr Ashdown's hairspray passes the Sikorski Test. Not a lonse strand: every crinkle intact. The

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Matthew Parris finds the Liberal Democrat leader unruffled by his party's low standing in the opinion polls during a whirlwind helicopter tour of Tory marginals

great and unruffled leader entered the helicopter and confronted twenty media folk for whom the mother of all bad hair days had just begun. "Hiyah! How ya doing?" he

cried. And we were away. The Liberal Democrats can afford only one chopper - not for them the Labour helicopter formation team — so we were all together with him. But rotor noise was too loud for conversation and Ashdown had an hour to himself as we headed for his first target, Colchester. Canary Wharf, construction works on the new Jubilee Line, the new East London river crossing and the painted, multicoloured liveries of privatised trains - testament to 18 years of Tharcherism passed beneath. The Palace of Westminster looked very

At 11.15am we came down in parkland, near a road. Mar-



Mr Ashdown: every strand of his hair remained in place during a day spent campaigning by helicopter

garet Thatcher was once reported to have stepped from a helicopter near Castle Donnington in the East Midlands, shot a bewildered glance at the surrounding cooling towers, and asked: Where am !?" Here, somewhere in East Anglia and for the first time, I

sympathised. The Liberal Democrat candidate for Col-chester, Bob Russell, and a handful of amazed townspeople stared as we climbed out. Hivah! How va doing?" cried Ashdown. At the sports club some 200 supporters waited. interestingly, they were a younger crowd than the other two leaders draw. He leapt on to a wall and grabbed a

The helicopter's emergency instructions include action to be taken at the command "brace! brace!". The same command might helpfully be given before one of Mr Ashdown's harangues. Everyone waved orange placards and cheered. A former Marine who had quit the Labour Party was paraded like a prisoner of war. He attempted to tear up his Labour membership card for the cameras. It proved indestructible. We tore off back to the helicopter. Ashdown had spent 12 minutes in Coichester, but spent them well: he is an ace glad-

An hour later we landed on a sports field somewhere near Eastbourne, where candidate Chris Berry was waiting. Ashdown alighted. "Hiyah! How'ya doing?" Have you read about that "cargo cult" on a South Pacific island where the natives - whose folk



memory includes a Second World War emergency landing by a US freight aeroplane

have built ritual landing strips where they pray in preparation for a Second Landing? In a century's time, long after various helicopters, Tories, Labour and Liberal Democrats are forgotten, the natives of Essex and Sussex may be worshipping patches of grass.
The same speech followed,

after a lightning, placardbrandishing street-parade down Eastbourne's Terminus Road, bewildering scores of old ladies. Then it was the Sikorski. Then it was Lewes. If this was Lewes, that must be the candidate for Lewes, Norman Baker. "Hiyah! How'ya doing?" Three hundred Liberal Democrats - good people, with nice faces aited in a field. The same

speech again.

One realised that the problem with helicopter-hopping is not that the politician bores changing. The problem is that he bores himself.

A man on crutches was brought to be blessed, then a pregnant woman, then a toddler — and finally a dog. Paddy patted them all. "Hiyah! How'ya doing?" To the Sikorski! Twickenham was next. His hair was perfect.

Labour advance brings Lib Dems mixed omens

IF THE Liberal Democrats are ever to achieve a breakthrough, their best chance is this Thursday. Past advances in general elections have been at a Tory defeat, as in 1964 and 1974; the sole exception has been 1983, when Labour came close to destroying itself, and the Liberal/SDP Alliance had success. The omens this time are mixed, because of

Labour's strength.
Paddy Ashdown has concentrated on a limited number of target seats rather than attempting a broad national advance. The theory is that the party can win more seats for any given share of the national vote.

Since 1992, the Lib Dems have emerged as the second party of local government. and have built support in the South West. The 1994 polls for the European Par-liament showed both the potential and the dangers of this approach: the party won two seats, and was robbed of a third by a maverick candidate. But it was prevented from winning more because many anti-Tory votes went to Labour.

The party faces the same dilemma now. Its strategists claim that its national opinion poli rating - up from 12.8 to nearly 15 per cent during the campaign — understates its strength in its target seats.

The Lib Dem case is that even if Labour is gaining in these seats, it is at the expense of the Tories, leaving them well-placed as the leading challenger. The risk is that Labour may also be gaining from the Lib Dems. splitting the opposition vote again and allowing some Tories to win on a much lower share of the vote. The pattern is mixed, according to constituency polls conducted by ICM for The Observer. In some places, La-bour has moved up from third place to either create a three-way fight, as in Col-chester, or to eclipse the Lib Dems, as in St Albans,

The Labour advance also threatens Lib Dem gains in its top target seats in the South West, such as Taunton and Bridgwater. However, the Lib Dems argue that there is scope to squeeze Labour on an appeal to people to vote tactically against the Tories. But warning against a Labour landslide risks frightening floating voters back to the

The resilient Mr Ashdown has fought a strong campaign, focusing on the party's costed plans on health, education and crime, though hardly mentioning constitutional reform. As



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Labour has played safe, the Lib Dems have claimed they are being more candid on spending and tax. This would not work for one of the main contenders, but has helped prevent the Lib Dems being squeezed out of the picture.

My hunch is that the Lib Dems will win more seats overall, despite losing some through retirements and boundary changes. Some will be in the West Country. and the Lib Dems are also hopeful of gains at Oxford West and Abingdon, South-port and Hazel Grove, The risk for Mr Ashdown remains that, despite a modest advance, the party will be left on the sidelines by a big Labour win. Much will then depend on whether Tony Blair fulfils his promise of creating a non-tribal style of centre-left politics by reaching out to the Lib Dems.

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Clarke and Brown leave room to raise funds

TAX policy has been the dog that did not bark in this election campaign. However, the public's apparent indifference has been understandable. After seeing what happened to John Major's 1992 pledge of tax cuts "year after year". the voters have regarded all statements on taxes with suspicion.

Tony Blair's strategy, therefore, was to try to neutralise tax as a political factor and fight the election on other issues. However, given the strength of consumer spending and the damage done to exporters and manufacturers by the overvalued pound, substantial tax increases now look very likely whichever party is elected.

While the election may not have done much to restrain the Government's appetite for additional revenues, it has put down clear markers on how this money may and may not be raised. While the

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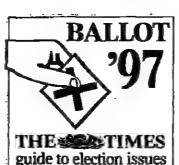
Liberal Democrats have boldly called for an increase of 1 per cent in the standard rate of income tax - from 23 to 24 per cent - to fund additional spending on education. Labour and the Conservatives have firmly ruled out any increase in the standard or the top rate of tax.

Labour has also promised that it will not increase the 17.5 per cent rate of VAT, nor extend VAT to food, newspapers, public transport and children's clothes. In addition, Labour will cut the VAT rate on domestic fuel and heating from 8 to 5 per cent. These are electoral pledges that voters can firmly rely on - they will not be broken, short of a war or some unpredictable calamity. The promises will never need to be broken because both Gordon Brown and Kenneth

Clarke have been extremely careful to leave themselves with plenty of leeway to raise additional funds without venturing into the forbid-den territories defined by their

campaign promises. By confining their promises on income tax rates, both parties have deliberately left open the possibility of raising more taxes by changing personal allowances, altering tax bands or reducing special reliefs for mortgage interest, pensions and personal equity plans. More importantly, they have left untouched the vast swath of taxes levied on company profits, motoring, energy, alcohol, tobacco, insurance and so

The £72 billion raised in income tax accounts for only 24 per cent of total government revenues, while VAT accounts for 17 per cent. Thus even if changes in these two types of tax were ruled completely out of



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bounds, there would be plenty of cope to raise additional revenues. What, then, might the two major parties do - and not do? On indirect taxes, the Tories have been slightly less specific than Labour. saying only that they have no plans and no need to extend or increase

VAT. Labour has said it would not extend VAT to private education but this promise does not seem to have quite the same definitive status as the promises on food and so on. Outside the VAT net. there are plenty of plans for higher indirect taxes. In fact, taxes on petrol and tobacco are scheduled to rise by 5 per cent in real terms each year under the plans already put forward in successive Tory Budgets. Labour could well accelerate this rate of increase, citing environmental and health concerns, but raising a lot of extra revenue in the

On income tax, the Tories have announced two major objectives: to reduce the standard rate of income tax from 23 to 20 per cent and to allow married couples with children and one non-working spouse to take advantage of two personal

Major has said that this new marriage relief would take priority over the general reduction in income tax. The relatively few eligible families would gain about £800 annually from this new relief.

Labour also has a "long-term objective" to reduce income tax, but its way of doing this is very different from the Tories. Instead of cutting the standard rate. Labour would introduce a 10 per cent tax band at the bottom of the income scale. This would be most beneficial to people on average and low earnings, while the gains from the Tory approach would go predominantly to those at the top of the income scale (see chart below).

Looking beyond income tax and VAT, the possibilities for tax changes are legion - and none of the parties has given any real indication of what it may or may not do. Probably the most sensitive area is the National Insurance system. However, an increase in National Insurance rates seems unlikely since it would be instantly identified as a devious way of breaking Mr Blair's cast-iron promises on income tax.

More likely areas for major reform are the taxation of savings. and corporate profits. Labour has: already promised a windfall tax on the excess profits of the privatised utilities. If the Treasury wants to. raise extra money - and almost all economists are united in believing it will - the obvious places to look will be mortgage tax relief, insurance taxation and tax credits on dividends received by pension funds and personal equity plans. Reforms in these obscure corners of the tax system could raise many: billions without breaking any electoral promises - and action is likely whichever party wins.

Tory reform has had little impact on salary slips

IF THERE is one thing that the numerous warring fac-Tory governments' finances tions of the Conservative Party have in common, it is faith in the lowest possible level of taxes. It must come as a bitter disappointment, therefore, that after 18 years of Tory rule. Britain's total tax burden is considerably higher than it was in the final year of the last Labour government — 36.25 per cent of gross domestic product in the Budget for 1997-98 compared with 34.25 per cent in 1978-79.

This increase in total taxes has not gone to pay for public services. Total government spending has fallen quite sharply, from 44 per cent of GDP in 1978-79 to a planned 40.5 per cent in the current financial year — a cut in public spending equivalent to about £24.5 billion, or half the total cost of the National Health Service Where then has all the extra tax revenue gone? Most has been used to reduce the dangerously high deficits bequeathed to the Tories by the last Labour government -public borrowing has fallen from 5.5 per cent of GDP to 2.5 per cent of GDP, a reduction almost equal to the cut in total public spending, However, a major part of the extra tax revenue has had to be used to

by the privatisation of extremely profitable nationalis-

These privatisations unquestionably increased the efficiency of some of Britain's most important industries, promoted economic growth and thus indirectly channelled money to the Exchequer. In addition, the profits of the former nationalised industries have been subject to corporation tax. Nevertheless, the direct effect on the public accounts has been sharply

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negative: the Treasury's nontax income has fallen from 4.5 per cent of GDP in 1978-79 to a planned 1.75 per cent of GDP in 1997-98. This reduction in non-tax revenue, equivalent to almost £20 billion a year in today's money, has been roughly equal to the increase in the total burden of tax. It could be argued that the income lost from "selling the family silver" has been almost equal to the increase in total taxes under the Tories.

A related charge against the Tories is that they have squandered tax revenues from

half true. Government revenues from the North Sea today are down to less than £2 billion - very similar to the level in 1978-79. But when oil prices peaked in the mid-1980s. North Sea oil was yielding revenues of more than £12 biltion. This money was used partly to finance the tax cuts of the Lawson period and partly to repay the national debt. The tax cuts financed in this way were bound to prove unsustainable. The reduction in national debt should have been a lasting and worthwhile achievement. Sadly, it was frittered away by the economic mismanagement during Brit-

ain's time in the ERM. Despite their mixed record on the overall burden, the Tories have managed to deliver big reductions in certain taxes. Most notably, the top rate of income tax was reduced from 83p in the pound under Denis Healey to 60p immediately after the 1979 election and then to 40p in 1988. The standard rate of tax was cut from 33p to 25p under Margaret Thatcher and then trimmed to 23p under John Major. Inheritance tax has also fallen, although it has not been abolished, as Mr Major

has repeatedly suggested it

THE RICH HAVE GOT RICHER UNDER THE TORIES. GROWTH OF NET INCOME FROM 1879 TO 1994 ...AND UNDER THEIR TAX PLANS THE RICH WOULD GAIN MOST MPACT OF TORY AND LABOUR PLANS FOR TAX CUTS Labour plan for 10p starting rate Poorest 10% main effect of all the changes

would. Curiously, the Tories have actually increased the burden of the two taxes that entrepreneurs and small businessmen most dislike -- capital gains and business rates.

Despite these provisos, nobody can deny that the reduction in Britain's punitive income tax rates has been a genuine, and probably irreversible, achievement, But even on this central point at least three caveats must be attached. Most obviously, the money the Treasury gave up through income tax reductions was taken back by raising indirect taxes. VAT was almost doubled from 8 to 15 per cent immediately after the

1979 election to finance the first big reductions in standard and higher rates of tax. VAT was then raised to 17.5 per cent in 1991 to finance the replacement of the hated poll

tax by the council tax. The second caveat is that the actual deductions from most workers' pay packets have not changed by remotely as much as might be suggested by the headline cuts in rates. This is because successive Tory Chancellors have whittled away the numerous allowances - especially mortgage tax relief and marriage allowances - that used to be available against taxes and have lowered the starting levels at which both the standard and the top rates of income taxes are paid. In addition, there has been a big increase in the employee's National Insurance contribution, from 5.75 per cent in 1978-79 to 10 per cent today. This alone has offset roughly half the reduction in the standard rate of income tax since 1979. (The employer's National Insurance contribution, which most economists regard as a payment of income tax on behalf

of the employees, has gone up even more sharply.) Thus the net result under the Tories has been not so much to reduce the burden of income tax as to alter the way

This leads to perhaps the most serious objection to the Tory income tax record. The

was to redistribute income tax from one group of taxpayers to another and the main losers have been the people who could arguably least afford extra taxes: families on low to middle incomes, especially those with only one breadwinner. For example, a married couple with one working spouse on average earnings, a mortgage and two children, paid 12 per cent of their income in taxes and National Insurance in 1978-79. A similar family is now paying more than 20 per cent. The gainers from the Tory period have broadly been families with two full-time workers and the relatively rich. A family with two workers and a total income of three times average earnings, for example, would have paid 32 per cent of its income in tax and National Insurance in 1978-79. Today that would be down to about

In sum, then, the changes in the tax system have contributed to the dramatic widening in Britain's distribution of income illustrated in the top chart. Most economists would argue, nevertheless, that evervone has benefited indirectly from a less penal tax system that has promoted economic efficiency, discouraged tax avoidance and sharpened economic incentives. But this may not be persuasive to voters who do not see the extra money on their salary slip.

THE POLITICIANS

■ KENNETH CLARKE. Age: 56 Education: Nottingham High School, Cambridge (BA in

law and LLB), Gray's Inn.

Experience: seven years as barrister in the Midlands. combined with work for Conservative Party and Bow Group. Elected 1970; swiftly promoted through whips' office to junior minister under Heath. In Cabinet since 1985. Chancellor since 1993.

Politics: passionate pro-European, one-nation Tory, fearless political bruiser with strong social conscience. Believes Treasury best serves the poor by maintaining strong growth and low inflation, not by redistributing

■ GORDON BROWN, Age: 46

Education: Kirkcaldy High School. Edinburgh University

Experience: academic and later a television journalist. Senior shadow economic posts since 1987. Shadow Chancellor since 1992.

Politics: convinced that Labour lost the last election because of its demand for higher taxes, especially on "aspirationals" who thought they might earn more in future then be clobbered by high tax. Opponent of old Labour class strugglers, but has read his Engels and Marx. Believes that greater equality can be achieved by offering opportunity to all, rather than by redistribution by taxation.

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Gordon oen say anything he likes if he thinks it is going to win the election. When Labour is in power they will be looking for other priorities spart from tax cuts. Diane Abbott, November 1995

THEFACTS

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31.5 per cent in 1978-79. ☐ Taking account of changes in VAT and other indirect taxes. the total effects of all tax and benefit changes between 1992 and 1997 have been negative for everyone, according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

☐ North Sea oil now produces revenues. Revenues peaked at £12.03 billion in 1984-85

☐ Income tax now yields 24 per cent of total tax revenues, compared with 29 per cent in 1978-79. In the same period the share of VAT has risen from 7.8 per cent to 16.9 per cent.

☐ Tobacco and alcohol duties have failen from 7.2 per cent of all taxes in 1978-79 to 4.8 per cent in 1997-98.

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income tax: cut standard rate from 23p to 200 when resources allow, introduce transferable personal allowances for married couples with children and nonworking spouse. This new marriage allowance will take priority over reductions

Tax allowances: no specific commitments have been made on mortgage relief, suggesting that it could continue to be whittled away as it has been since 1979.

Capital gains: long-term aspiration to abolish capital gains tax and inheritance tax but no progress nowards either goal. Both take lower priority than income-tax cuts and new marriage relief. Given pressure on public finances, not much hope of progress in next Parliament.

VAT: no plans to raise or extend, but no

Corporation tax: no windfall tax, but changes in advance corporation tax as likely as under Labour. Norman Lamont and Kenneth Clarke have already taken a bite, and Treasury appetite seems to be

LABOUR

Income tate no increase in tax rates, Longterm aspiration to introduce 10 per cent band for those on lower incomes. National Insurance unlikely to be raised, but no

VAT: firm promises of cut on domestic fuel. no increase in general rate, and no extension to food, books, newspapers, ublic transport and children's clothes indications that VAT will not be extended to private school fees, but no manifesto

Corporation tax windfall tax of 65 billion to £10 billion on privatised utilities. Changes in advance corporation tax widely

Capital gains: Labour will consider a lower rate of capital gains for long-term investments, but this is not promised as a

ncer no specific commitments. meaning that mortgage relief could be reduced further. Labour rejects the Conallowances for married couples with

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

income tax: increase the standard rate from 23 to 24 per cent to finance an extra 62 billion a year in education spending. Top rate increased from 40 to 50 per cent. Personal allowance raised by £200 to take 500,000 poorer people out of the income-tax net. Liberal Democrats believe that the hener-off are prepared to pay higher taxes if they know where the money is going. National Audit Office to prepare annual report, certifying that the extra penny on tax is not diverted from education and is being efficiently spent.

VAT: cut on energy conservation materials to \$ per cent.

Motoring and energy taxes: higher fuel duties, offset by reduction in vehicle excise duty for small-engined cars. Other energy and pollution taxes likely. Manifesto commitment to "begin a long-term shift in taxation, reducing taxes on jobs, wealth and goods and shifting them to pollution and resource depletion".

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but at a significantly lower price than the £305 million previously agreed. This may leave the war open for another hidder to come in Brown is said to be still interested in Preemans

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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

TUESDAY APRIL 29 1997

Windfalls credited for boosting consumer confidence

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE "feel-good" factor has hit a tenyear high but consumers are credit-ing building society windfall payments rather than the Government for the surge in confidence, a new survey finds today.

Business Strategies, whose director Bridget Rosewall is one of the Chancellor's panel of independent

Sears to

detail

Strong

exit and

CITY EDITOR

SEARS is to demerge its

Selfridges department store business. The plan

will be revealed this morning, along with details of

the long-rumoured depar-

ture of Liam Strong, chief

executive. There is also

likely to be news of the

appointment of an outsider to help Sears to extricate

itself from its shoe retail-

Mr Strong will leave the group in June. Speculation over his future has been rampant as details of the

group's dismal performance has leaked out.

Today Sir Bob Reid, chairman, will report that prof-

its for the year to January

have sunk from £100 mil-

lion to less than £80 mil-

lion. The major problem is the shoe business, but

Freemans, the mail order

company, is also signifi-

pundits had hoped. While Selfridges is to be demerged, the group will not make an immediate

exit from its loss-making

shoe chains. Instead, it is

likely to bring in a com-

pany doctor to preside over

the exit at the least possible

The company will argue

that with this structure in

place, there will no longer

be a need for a chief

executive at the centre.

Prospects of a £500,000 payoff to Mr Strong, who

is on a two-year contract.

are likely to arouse criti-

cism from shareholders

who have seen the value of

their investments tumble

under his reign.
There could be further

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ing ahead with the sale of

Freemans to Littlewoods,

but at a significantly lower

price than the £395 million

previously agreed. This

may leave the way open for

another bidder to come in.

N Brown is said to be still

interested in Freemans.

lyst has predicted.

cost to the company.

The new Sears strategy is not as radical as some City

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ing operations.

economic advisers, says that its consumer survey shows the highest levels of consumer confidence in the UK since 1987.

its overall consumer confidence index shows a net balance of 24 per cent of consumers optimistic about the next 12 months. The index shows that optimism has now risen in seven out of the last eight quarters the longest sustained increase in confidence since the mid-1980s.

But it suggests that the principal reason behind the surge is windfall payments from the flotation and conversion of a number of building societies and insurance companies. which will see consumers reap a [2] billion windfall.

David Fell, à director at Business Strategies, says: "The 'feel-good' factor is being put down to the windfall gains and consumers are not seeing the Government as being

responsible for these windfall gains. Consumers are very cynical in that they see this as nothing do with the Government."

Business Strategies says that other factors which have led to an acceleration in confidence among consumers include falling unemployment and tax cuts. The positive benefit of these changes is outweighing consumer fears about increases in inflation and

interest rates and the outcome of this week's general election. Its economists say that their evidence shows the economy to be doing better than at any time since the 1980s boom, but they insist that this is not an "unsustainable boom to be

followed by a calamitous bust". The survey suggests that consum ers are still concerned about the outlook for housing, employment security and the impact of windfall

Regulators

ask for

Hambros

report

BY JASON NISSE

THE Bank of England and the Securities and Futures Author-

ity have asked for copies of the

Norton Rose report into Ham-bros's role in the Galileo affair

and may use it as the basis for

action against the bank and its

director, Peter Large. Both regulators are con-

cerned about the use of confi-

Society in framing the bid. Any

action would be taken jointly

and sanctions could include a

fine for Mr Large or Hambros

and a possible suspension

He was formerly a top-rated

stockbroking analyst in paper and packaging, joining Ham-bros less than two years ago

from Swiss Bank Corporation,

where he sat 20 metres from

Brian Keelan, the CWS's ad-

viser, in an open-plan office.

Mr Large had been with

SBC for seven years, having been poached from Hoare

Govett, the stockbroker. His

departure, with a team of four,

was controversial as he was

called back by Hoare's lawyers

to answer questions about confidential information that

may have been taken when he

left. Mr Large denies taking

anything belonging to Hoare.
At Hoare he advised one of

the more colourful business-

men to operate in the UK, John Elliot, of Elders IXL, the Aust-

ralian brewer, who last year

was acquitted of fraud charges

to do with his time at Elders.

At SBC he worked for an

even more colourful bidder,

Robert Maxwell, advising the

late publisher on the sale of

Pergamon Press, the corner-

stone of the Maxwell empire.

from the SFA for Mr Large.

gains and "still have their feet on the brake pedal". However, the consultancy is forecasting a rise in interest rates by the end of this year by a full percentage point to 7 per cent, though it refuses to endorse suggestions from organisations such as the CBI and the British Chambers of Commerce that an incoming government should consider raising taxes as well as examining further

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to warn members of float dangers

THE Halifax will this week

running of the Halifax's stock market debut on June 2.

The Halifax dealing service dential information belonging to the Co-operative Wholesale much as £1,405.

share bonanza. Extra requests for share certificates would

The Halifax yesterday pointed out that customers opting for share certificates and disposing of their holdings through other stockbrokers would not be covered by the "floor" price of 415p an-nounced yesterday. This floor price will apply only to those selling through the Halifax dealing service on June 2, or in the first auction to institution-

Analysts say the Halifax price may range from 450p to 500p.

Halifax

warn customers of the dangers of bypassing its free share-dealing service in the hope of making a larger profit. It now seems likely that a higher than expected propor-tion of the 7.6 million beneficiaries of the £12 billion flotation may request share certifi-cates in order to sell through stockbrokers. It is feared that this could imperil the smooth

was set up for those who wished swiftly to sell their holdings. However, members may be discouraged by results of the first week of trading in Alliance & Leicester shares. Some 27 per cent of A&L customers decided to sell, and those using A&L's dealing service pocketed E1,334, while those using other brokers received as

If a similar proportion of Halifax customers opt to take the money, two million people would be trying to deal at about the same time. It is feared that this would put private client stockbrokers under unbearable strain. Concern has been expressed over the ability of Crest, the already overstretched new system for share deals, to cope with this year's £22 billion building society

further increase pressure. al investors, on May 30.

Leeds Utd chief quits over loss of confidence

By Jason Nissė

ROBIN LAUNDERS, chief executive of Leeds United, yesterday resigned less than nine months after taking the job when he was told the board of Caspian, Leeds parent company, had lost confidence in him.

His departure followed a meeting yesterday morning with Chris Akers, the former corporate financier who heads Caspian, and Peter McCormick. Leeds's long-standing legal adviser. Mir Launders will

receive a pay-off of £150,000. The fall-out between Caspian and Mr Launders comes at a critical time for Leeds United. It is trying to win the contract to develop the land next to its ground at Elland Road into an indoor arena which will house the Leeds Lasers, the ice hockey team being launched by Caspian.

However, it is believed that Leeds City Council may favour a rival bid from StradiVarious. a stadium development group led by Patrick Nally.

Recently Mr Launders has stopped attending meetings of the Premier League, with Mr Akers turning up instead. The League is in the early stages of deciding what it will do with pay-per-view television coverage of football, which is expect-ed bring as much as £2.5 billion into the game each year.

Leeds United has been seen as a radical voice in these discussions, and has talked about putting coverage of matches on the Internet on a pay-perview or pay-per-listen basis.

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City firms apologise for role in failed Regan bid

sell-off TWO leading City in-BY PATIENCE WHEATCROFT

stitutions yesterday made unprecedented apologies to the Co-operative Wholesale Society over their role in Andrew Regan's abortive takeover attempt.

By Sarah Cunningham

Hambros, the merchant bank, and Travers Smith Braithwaite, the solicitors, settled out of court with the CWS. issuing unreserved apologies and agreeing to pay damages believed to exceed El million.

Hambros, after consulting the Securities and Futures Authority and the Bank of England, appointed Norton Rose, the solicitors, to conduct an inquiry The CWS is continuing to

pursue its legal action and claims for damages against Mr Regan, 3), his business partner David Lyons, their companies Lanica Trust and Galileo, and Allan Green, the former CWS executive who has admitted to giving then numerous commercially sensitive documents. No further out-of-court settlements are expected.

Both Hambros and Travers Smith Braithwaite resigned yesterday as advisers to Lanica and Galileo. An increasingly isolated Mr Regan also lost the services of Lowe Bell, the public relations firm headed by Sir Tim Bell.

Peter Large and Andrew Salmon, the two Hambros corporate finance directors who acted for Mr Regan, are continuing to work for the bank, a spokesman said.

In a separate development, Ronald Zimet, the Anglo-Israeli businessman at the centre of a mysterious payment made during an earlier deal between CWS and Mr Regan's companies, resigned yesterday as chairman of the

AIM-listed Freepages. Mr Zimet, who is believed to be in The Netherlands, has declined to comment on the role he played in arranging the extension of a contract between CWS and Hobson, a food company owned by Mr



Regan, for which he was paid £2.4 million through a British Virgin Islands company, Trellis International. CWS have asked the Serious Fraud Office to investigate the payment.

The resignation from Freepages severs Mr Zemit's only known connection with British business. A spokesman for Freepages said Mr Zimet was worried the publicity surrounding him was hitting the company's share

Melmoth, chief executive of CWS, Sir Chips Keswick, chairman of Hambros Bank, wrote: "Regretfully, I have to say that it is quite clear to me the judgment exercised in Hambros proceeding in the way that it did fell below our standards and those which you were entitled to expect from us. The purpose of this letter is to offer my personal, and the bank's, unreserved

we are taking the appropriate In his letter to Graham action to ensure tht this will not happen again." Alan Kear, the senior partner of Travers Smith Braithwaite, wrote to Mr

Melmoth: "We regret that we were recipients of documents confidential to CWS and accept that our conduct did not accord with the standards which we set ourselves." Pennington, page 31 City Diary, page 33 apology and to assure you that

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BSM takes a wrong turning over tests

SHARES of BSM skidded by 21 per cent yesterday after the driving school company blamed the new written driving tests and severe January weather for a reverse in profits. BSM said students were staying at

home until they had passed the written test, leading to a 54 per cent drop in applications for the practical test. To adapt to the reduced levels of

demand, the company is closing 18 of

years ago. It will end the restructuring with almost the same number of centres it had in 1993.

Richard Glover, the chief executive, said that the market had not shrunk, but was going through a temporary reduction which would correct itself

its 154 branches as part of a plan to save £1 million a year — a reversal of the expansion drive put into action four test out of the way before starting the practical course. Our share of the market has risen, but after this artificial barrier, the market as a whole has gone down. We are still sure the market will bounce back, but there's no indication of that happening yet.

He added that outlets being closed were in mostly in the areas where additional new ones had opened, allowing tuition to carry on without later in the year.

He said: "We misread the extent to disruption. Also, he said applications which people would decide to get the for provisional licences - the main

indicator of the pool of learner drivers

- had only fallen by 15 per cent. The company does not profit from the theory test, which is being conducted by Capita, the services group, but can only make money from selling its range of study aids.

The company's shares, which have been steadily falling from 200p since September, dropped a further 38p to a new low of 1032 p yesterday.

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Computer hitch hits drive for electricity choice

BY CHRISTING BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to enable domestic consumers to shop around for electricity have hit a fresh obstacle after computer hitches in the power trading market that will co-ordinate the scheme. The problems could mean a delay to the proposed launch on April 1 1998.

The software problems in the electricity pool which governs trading arrangements involve systems to estimate consumer consumption. The package will now be delivered

Novice

investors

given

warning

by Fed

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

IN NEW YORK

AS PRIVATE investors

continue to pour into the

US stock market in record numbers, the central bank has launched an unprece-dented advertising cam-

paign to warn novice investors that they could

lose all their money. The Federal Reserve

Board is placing adverts

on television and in news-

papers, pointing out that investments in mutual

funds (the US equivalent of unit trusts) are not insured by the Federal

Deposit Insurance scheme

the way bank deposits are.

The message is that if mutual funds lose money

in a market crash, there is

no back-up fund to ensure

that investors do not lose

everything. If the money is lost, it's gone for good. If a bank goes bust, however, depositors will receive at

least a proportion of their

money back from the official insurance fund. The Fed has good reason to worry. The hun-

dreds of billions of dollars

of private investors' cash

flooding into the stock

market has been driving

up share prices over the

last two years. But Alan

Greenspan, the Fed Chair-

man, is becoming increas-

ingly worried that the

The level of investor

ignorance about stock

market investing is star-

tlingly high. According to

a recent survey by the

Commission, the US mar-

ket watchdog, 28 per cent

of mutual fund investors

think their money is in-

sured by an official fund.

They believe, in effect, that

they cannot lose their

money. Another 36 per

cent thinks that if they buy

mutual fund investments

through a stockbroker.

they are also insured. Nei-

The fact that the Fed is

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Mr Greenspan is known

to fear that a stock market

crash now, unlike the 1987

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weeks late, making implementation of the programme perilously tight. Advisers to the regulator are looking at knock-on effects

throughout the industry.

A pool spokesman said: "It will mean a delay for the rest of the industry, for the interfacing of systems. But what we don't know is the impact on the April 1 deadline. That should be clearer next week." He said that putting back the start-up date could be recommended by advisers who are expected to report in the next few days.

The setback has emerged just weeks after the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee

said that the timetable had slipped so much that delay should be considered. It said: "Given that [electricity companies] will have had eight years' notice since vesting, this progress is substantially less than we would have expected . 12 months before implementation."

Privately, many companies say that not all systems will be in place by the deadline and that there will be no time to do tests. The regulator has already agreed to phased introduction of competition, overturning the original plan to implement competition nationwide. It is thought that a Labour government

would consider delaying full competition rather than risk the administrative nightmare that followed introduction of competition to the

industrial electricity market three years ago.

Regional electricity companies have been told of the delay to the pool's £50 million scheme and are calculating how it will affect their developments. It will hinder establishment of their own systems to deliver competition and may add to cost, a contentious issue. The companies are at odds with the regulator over the cost of the project: the watchdog puts it at £210 million, but some electricity chiefs say £500 million.



Graham Wallace, CWC chief executive, right, and Nicholas Mearing-Smith, finance director, as the company's shares began trading yesterday

Unit trust Pep sales set £1.1bn record in March

A LAST-MINUTE rush to beat the taxman, perhaps fuelled by the prospect of a Labour government, helped unit trust providers to boost personal equity plan sales in March to El.I billion, a record for any month.

In the latest tax year, unit trust Pep sales exceeded E6.2 billion, a rise of 43 per cent on the previous year's total of £4.3 billion, according to figures published yesterday by the Association of Unit Trusts and

In the first few days of this month, leading up to the April 5 end of the tax year, unit trust groups took in £797 million of ep money.

Autif said that net unit trust Pep sales in March were £56 million higher than in April last year, taking the figure for the first quarter of 1997 to a net £1.9 billion. This was slightly below the record £2 billion in the second quarter of 1996. Overall, however, net new

investment in 1,677 unit trusts fell by £2.8 million in March, compared with February's £1.4 billion. This is still considerably higher than the same month last year, when unit trust net investment was £972.2 million. Total funds £140.6 billion in March, from

£140.5 billion in February. The number of unitholder accounts rose to 8.4 million last month, from 8.2 million in February and 7 million in

March of last year. The most popular destina-

tions for Pep investors' money last month were UK Growth and UK Growth and Income trusts. Europe Pep funds also proved popular, with total net sales of £118 million. In the past 12 months, Europe Pep sales have doubled as a proportion of the Pep market. Corporate bond Pep sales reached £191 million in March, the highest figure for

Philip Warland, of Autif. reach new heights. Sales just for the month of March were on a par with the total for the whole of 1992. The growth in the number of regular savings plan holders shows that the use of unit trusts is becoming part of the nation's savings

habits. Investors need transparent, simple investment products with good performance, and unit trust Peos are able to match these needs perfectly.

City institutions and pen-sion funds showed less of an appetite for unit trusts than did private investors. Autif figures show that institutional sales in March fell by £596 million, from £897 million to E301 million.

institutions injected nearly 40 per cent of the total into the International Growth sector, and Europe fell out of favour, with a net £45 million flowing out of Europe unit trusts.

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Lacklustre opening for **CWC** shares

CABLE and Wireless Communications, the new phone and cable group, got off to a lacklustre start yesterday when the shares opened and closed at virtually the same price (Eric Reguly writes).

The shares opened simultaneously on the London and New York stock exchanges at 299p, rose to 309p and settled back to finish at 2992p. The price fell within analysts' forecasts and valued the company at about 1.4.5 billion.

CWC was formed from the merger of Mercury Communications and the Nynex, Bell, CableMedia and Videotron cable companies. C&W owns 53 per cent of the group. CWC FT-SE 100 index because of its small free float - only 14.7 per cent is held by public investors - and because it is majority owned by a FT-SE 100 company.

Mulcahy pay tops **Echostar** deal may £1m at Kingfisher founder

11 months.

By Sarah Cunningham

SIR Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive of the Kingfisher retailing group, saw his pay rise above £1 million again

He was paid a total of El.266 million, compared with £999,000 a year earlier. In the year to February 1, he received £640,000 basic salary, £38,000 in benefits, an annual bonus of E325,000 and long-term incentive pay-

ment of E219,000. His pen-sion payments were £61,000. Kingfisher, which owns the Woolworths, B&Q and Comet chains, enjoyed good trading and profits last year. In 1995, when the group reported its first ever fall in profits, Sir Geoffrey decided to forgo his long-term bonus, which was worth about £178,306. A year earlier, his pay level peaked at around

Jim Hodkinson, the head of B&Q, the DIY arm, who

£1.3 million.



Mulcahy: bonus

was rumoured last year to have argued with Sir Geoffrey but who has since seen B&Q through a remarkable revival. earned £766,000 last year compared with £480,000 a year earlier.

The company maintained its traditional support for the Conservative Party, donating £25,000 last year, the same amount as a year earlier.

By Eric Reguly

ECHOSTAR, the American day said a \$1 billion TV alliance with The News Corporation, parent company of The Times, may be in jeopardy. It said News Corp may

abandon plans to join forces with Echostar unless Echo-star committed itself to using a News Corp "conditional access" system for the satellite broadcasts. Such systems ensure that only paid-up subscribers have access to the channels.

Echostar said News Corp had delayed regulatory fil-ings related to the alliance. "A new timetable for regulatory filings has not been set. There can be no assurance that News Corp will pro-ceed." A News Corp spokesman said: "There are a number of business issues to be negotiated." He said News Corp had not delayed regulatory filings.

Mortgage lending figures disappoint

BY ADAM JONES

UK BANKS arranged fewer new mortgages than expected last month, emphasising the patchiness of the housing recovery. The British Bankers' Association (BBA) said the major banks made gross loans of £2.175 million in March, just one per cent more than in February. traditionally a much weaker month.

Tim Sweeney, BBA directorgeneral, said March was disappointing across the mortgage lending industry. including building societies. He said: "It may be that overall demand for mortgage finance has been restrained somewhat by concerns over future interest rate movements and uncertainties related to the election."

Mr Sweeney said that a shortage of property in popular areas may also be a factor. This has been a problem in some parts of London and the South East in particular. In those areas of the country a lack of suitable houses and flats has led to rapidly inflating values and frustrated

Seasonally adjusted figures showed that net lending grew by £755 million from February to March, compared with £780 million from January to February. Taken as a whole, the first three months of the year saw lo per cent more net lending than the last quarter of 1996. The number of new mortgage approvals rose from 34,529 to 39,642 in March.

The average new mortgage was £58,300, 7 per cent higher than at the same time last

The BBA figures should be welled next month by the inclusion of the Alliance & Leicester. This year's early Easter, a popular time for house hunting, could also

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Warning to banks on stolen US bonds

THE City of London's most senior fraud squad officer has given a warning to banks to be on the lookout for \$111 billion of American bonds, stolen from Citibank ten years ago, which have begun to resurface in European capitals. Detective Superintendent Jerry Ohlson, head of the City of London Police fraud squad, said that two stolen bonds with a face value of \$5 million had been presented in London twice

Mr Ohlson, who headed the Serious Fraud Office investigation into the Barings affair, said: Fortunately our banking systems proved robust enough to pick up the antempted transactions at a very early stage. Nevertheless we cannot afford to be complacent and we should be on the lookout for any further attempts to pass off these stolen bonds." The bonds were originally stolen by the Mafia from a wastepaper recycling company in New Jersey where they had Dirty money, page 33 been sent for destruction.

Funding for M6 project

AN ES2 million loan to help to modernise 25 miles of the M6 between Glasgow and Carlisle was announced by the European Investment Bank. The EIB, the EU's long-term lending arm, is backing the project because of its importance in the Brussels grand plan for a network of trans-European road and rail links. The 25-year loan goes to Autolink Concessionaires, the private company that has won the M6 development contract from the Scottish Office. Work on the 25-mile section will complete the enlargement of all 65 miles of motorway between Glasgow and Carlisle to three lanes.

NU denies float rumours

NORWICH UNION, the insurer, has dismissed reports that it has chosen June to as the date of its £5 billion flotation. A spokeswoman said: "it's speculation. We certainly haven't released that date, although we have said it will be June." The Halifax Building Society is scheduled to float on June 2. Norwich Union's stock market debut will bring windfall payments worth an average of £1,000 to about three million policyholders. Norwich Union received High Court approval for the flotation last week. More than 1.8 million people voted in favour of the proposals.

Equity & Law sales up

AXA Equity and Law, the insurer, had strong first-quarter sales, with group personal pension business up 21 per cent. Individual investment business rose 26 per cent in the quarter. compared with the 1996 first quarter. The insurer is making changes to boost sales and productivity, including plans for new Peps and annuities, and a scheme to reduce compliance checks on policies. Mark Wood, chief executive, said the changes were not a short-term way to attract a buyer, but ways to build on "very successful first-quarter sales". A planned purchase by Sun Life has been stalled by some shareholders.

Hepworth chief's payoff

JOHN CARTER, who resigned as chief executive of Hepworth, the building materials group, last week, could be in line for a maximum payoff of E550.000 under the terms of his contract. Mr Carter, who had a two-year rolling contract, received a basic salary of £274,000. Hepworth, which was keen to emphasise the amicable nature of Mr Carter's departure, said his severance pay had yet to be finalised. The accounts show that he was paid £562,000 last year, which included a one-off fee of £248,000 struck after an agreement to extend a restrictive covenant contained in his service agreement and for consultancy services.

Lessels steps down

NORMAN LESSELS, the chairman of Standard Life, Europe's largest mutual life office, yesterday resigned from the board of Bank of Scotland after the insurer confirmed that it has applied to the Bank of England for a banking licence. A spokesman for BoS said: "There is a potential conflict of interest and in the highest standards of Scottish business life Mr Lessels has resigned as a director of the bank." BoS will, however, continue to sell Standard Life-branded pension and savings products.

Double for Boeing

BOEING has more than doubled profits and increased sales by 70 per cent since completing the acquisition of Rockwell International's defence and aerospace business in December. Boeing earned \$313 million in the first quater of 1997 compared with \$119 million last year. Revenue grew to \$7.32 billion (\$4.29 billion) after the take-off of demand in the aviation sector. Boeing also made \$64 million from an accounting change at an employee-benefit trust fund. A total of 68 aircraft were delivered during the quarter, up from 40.

Alexandra to shed staff

ALEXANDRA WORKWEAR, the Scottish uniforms and overalls supplier, has turned to Morocco as part of the retreat from its native market in favour of imports from Africa and the Far East. The company has offered redundancy packages to the GRI-strong workforce in Scotland, and says it will start to lay people off if acceptances are not forthcoming. Its profits plunged from E5.3 million to E1.1 million in the year to February I, reducing earnings to 2.2p a share from 10.3p. The total dividend is held at 0.5p a share, with a 4p final.

Slow start hits Vega

SHARES of Vega dropped to a 12-month low yesterday as the computer systems group gave warning that it had suffered a slow start to the year and was on course to return stagnant pre-tax profits of £3.4 million at the year end. The cautious statement upstaged news of a £6 million training contract with the RAF, and the £5.5 million acquisition of CBL Technology, a training centre which runs from Bristol and Derby. CBL last turned in profits of £404,000 on sales of £1.7 million. Vega's shares closed 712 p down at 27212 p.

Conservatives claim consumers will pay for planned windfall policy on utilities

Cost of Labour energy tax put at £5 a week

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S planned energy taxes would cost the average household £5 a week, the Conservative Party claimed yesterday.

William Waldegrave, chief secretary to the Treasury, said the windfall tax on utilities would wipe out the benefits of a reduction in VAT on fuel and put extra costs on consumers

His calculations are based on 25 per cent of a £5 billion windfall tax being passed on to customers through higher

The figures were dismissed by the Shadow Chancellor's office but they echo fears raised recently by the Institute of Fiscal Studies and the electricity regula-

tor over higher utility charges stemming from a windfall tax. Labour has not given details of the

amount likely to be levied, nor has it specified which companies will be hit by a windfall tax. But the Tories claim that likely charges on the electricity companies and British Gas -- which is now two companies - would mean a £24 increase for a household, while Labour's reduction of VAT on fuel from 8 per cent to 5 per cent would save £18.72p.

Water companies have been excluded from Tory calculations, although they. too, face a windfall levy.

Raising prices would need regulatory approval but the electricity regulator told a Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee that he would listen to price

arguments stemming from the windfall tax. The gas regulator has also con-demned the windfall tax and called for Centrica. the supply half of the old British Gas, to be exempt.

An aide to Gordon Brown said: Everyone knows prices will not go up because of the windfall cax. Even the regulator has said so." A Conservative spokesman said that the party's estimates were generous to Labour.

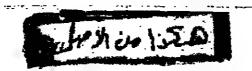
The IFS last month warned that the windfall tax could mean higher prices for customers and throw a cloud over employment prospects in the companies. Lucy Chennells, senior research economist at the IFS said although the levy would be imposed on companies "people pay the tax in the end."



William Waldegrave: higher prices for householders

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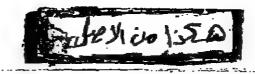
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☐ Merchant bank that helped CWS raiders may pay high price ☐ Abell makes Panel look silly ☐ Investors rush to beat Labour

☐THE apology by Hambros to the CWS could not have been more fulsome. It will not however, do anything to restore the damage done to the bank by its involvement in the extraordinary flasco precipitated by the am-

bitions of Andrew Regan. Neither will the stable-door closing exercise of bringing in solicitors Norton Rose to investigate the bank's role in the proceedings. Their findings may point the im-ger at those individuals who were guilty of misconduct, but those names have already been put in the frame by the righteously indignant Graham Melmoth and his CWS colleagues.

Blame cannot be confined to those at Hambros, led by Peter Large, who were in the front line of the bid. The bank's top management is guilty of the second worst sin in merchant banking. The first is to lose a lot of money, only slightly less dreadful, but potentially more damaging in the long term, is to display lack of judgment. That is just what Hambros has done. There were enough doubts in the City about the credentials of Mr Regan and his entourage for top brass at the bank to be wary of joining his gang. The decision to do so would not have been taken without the browledge and openant of the knowledge, and approval, of the bank's bosses. Having taken that dubious decision, they should have been watching for the first

Hambros cops the Co-op rap

signs of anything going awry, and have been ready to order a

rapid, face saving, exit. Yesterday's mood of mea culpa comes too late. It will only add ammunition to those who believe that Hambros needs a drastic shake-up. Last year Hong Kong-based Jim Mellon bought a 3 per cent stake in the business and started calling for change. His Regent Pacific investment business glories in being dubbed a vulture fund. That should have given the board an sign that they might have to alter their comfortable existence if they were to survive. Instead, they rejected Mr Mel-

lon's break-up proposals. Now they may have to consider them again, for its latest indiscretions make Hambros look extremely vulnerable. For a start, it may like to rethink the decision to replace the plans for effectively crowning Sir Chips Keswick as both chairman and chief executive this summer. When Lord Hambro retires, Sir Chips, now chief executive of the group will succeed him and his own role will vanish.

Hambros was a once prest

City name, but now makes more money out of estate agency than merchant banking. Little more than a decade ago, it was in the same league as Schroders, but astute management has seen the latter soar in stature, and profits, while Hambros has dwindled. Hambros itself needs new blood hambros itself needs new blood and new ideas, but not from the likes of Andrew Regan. Deputy chairman Christopher Sporborg recently revealed: "My motio in all things has always been to expect the worst and hope for the best." In the Co-op affair, Hambros should have expected the bros should have expected the worst, and now seems likely to experience just that.

A very private concert party

DFOR more than 30 years a collection of merchant bankers and lawyers, known as the Takeover Panel, has practised its dictatorship over one aspect of the City's activities. It is not perfect, but by comparison with most efforts at self-regulation, it does not do badly. The executive will make a decision and if

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principals do not like it, they can appeal to the full Panel. And if the full Panel's decision is un-welcome, that is tough.

There have been questionable decisions. Ask employees of Northern Electric, which was delivered into the hands of American raiders when the Panel extended the bid after an ransi entended the old after an indescretion by Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Its latest ruling on Thomas Jourdan defies belief.

The Panel has decided that David Abell, the former head of

Suter, was not in a concert party with his former financial advisor, Roger Devlin, and the Crutch family when they built up a combined 39 per cent stake in Jourdan, maker of the Corby trouser press. If Abell, Devlin and Crutch had been in a concert party, then the Panel would have proced them to make a bid.

The Panel has now ruled that.

as Devlin and co have recently decided to support Abell's at-tempts to be appointed to Jour-dan's board, they are now in a concert party with Abell. This means Abell, who the Department of Trade and Industry once found not guilty of organising illegal concert parties, is not allowed to buy any more shares. He does not need to do so. At

the extraordinary general meeting next month, it would take an almost unheard of combined effort by other shareholders to block the way for Abell and his friends. The reason why the Panel makes the bidding thresh-hold 29.9 per cent is that anything above that gives effective control if shares are widely held. The Panel clearly has made a mistake. In this case it can do nothing about it. But it should change its rules so that if shareholders combine to form a concert party after taking their stake above 29.9 per cent, they

have to make a bid at the price at

which they most recently bought

shares. This would stop the sort of back door takeover which Abell is almost certain to perform at Jourdan.

Trust stampede shows distrust

DO VOTERS believe Labour's Tory lookalike policies? Judging from that usually reli-able indicator, the feet vote, legions of small investors do not.

Conveniently, the election was called just before the end of the financial year. This set off a stampede to buy personal equity plans while stocks lasted. On paper, Labour is pledged to keep Peps. Investors took no chances. in the last five days of the old fiscal year, investors bought a net £800 million of unit-linked Peps alone, according to the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds: more than an eighth of the year's sales. As many are addicted to last-minute Pep-buying as to buying presents on Christmas Eve. But this year's election-bearing five-day Pep rush was comfortably more than double the £366 million in April

1996, itself by a long way the previous record. In the wake of that self-generated rush, customers are being encouraged to take up their 1997-98 Peps before a Gordon Brown Budget.

Investors were hardly chasing a UK boom. The Bank of England had no need to tell them they could lose their shirts, as the US Federal Reserve plans to do. Most pundits forecast 1997 to be poor for shares. By the start of April they had fallen 5 per cent from a March 11 peak. Signifi-cantly, sales of European funds jumped 150 per cent in spite of the Morgan Grenfell affair.

Evidently, investors fear that the unspecified "improvements" that Labour promises for Peps will prove another case of better

Euro riddle

PUZZLE: the International Monetary Fund, scourge of bud-get deficits and fan of strong currencies, has just forecast that none of the top five EU economies will meet the Maastricht budgetary test for membership of a single currency. Yet IMF officials repeatedly emphasise that starting the euro on time is vital "to end uncertainty". Explanation: Michel Camdessus, suitably reluctant French candidate to head the European Central Bank, is IMF Secretary-General.

Spending worries hit shares in Chiro

BY PAUL DURMAN

SHARES in Chiroscience, one of the UK's largest biotechnology companies, lost nearly 5 per cent of their value yesterday in the face of an upbeat annual results statement.

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While Chiroscience reported "excellent progress" with its local angesthetic, its molecule manufacturing business and its recent acquisition of Darwin Molecular of Seattle, the City focused instead on the level of ongoing spending. Its shares fell 172 p to 335p.

Spending on research and development increased by 84 per cent to £22.2 million in the year to February 28, pushing losses up from £11.6 million to £18.7 million. These figures were higher than most analysts had forecast.

One reason was the level of spending on levobupivacaine, the local anaesthetic, which Chiroscience believes has the potential to hit sales of \$1 billion a year. Levobupivacaine is an improved version of an existing Astra drug. which sometimes causes convulsions or heart problems. The Chiroscience drug is now



in extensive phase 3 trials, and the company hopes to file to register the product at the end of this year.

John Padfield, Chiroscience's chief executive, said levobupivacaine has a wide range of possible uses, including relief of post-operative pain and in eye surgery.

Dr Padfield said the acquisi-

tion of Darwin had already given Chiroscience important insights into the behaviour of its matrix metalloproteinase (MMP) inhibitors, a class of arthritis and cancer drugs. Chiroscience hones to produce a cancer drug with fewer side effects than marimastat, British Biotech's highly rated MMP inhibitor. Chiroscience intends to give a full scientific update on this and other

projects at the end of May. ChiroTech, the group's business that makes single isomer compounds for other drug companies, made its first profit of £1.2 million, improving from a £900,000 loss in the previous year. Sales rose strongly from £3.4 million to £9.2 million, helped by one of its customer entering phase 3 trials on one of its drugs.

This was the first time Chiroscience had split out Chiro-Tech's results separately. British Biotech and Celltech both eventually sold their thirdparty manufacturing busi-nesses, and Dr Padfield hinted that Chiroscience may eventually make a similar move.

Chiroscience said the Stevenage pilot manufactur-ing plant that it bought last year was aiready demonstrating value in producing material for clinical trials.

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Pub chain sold for £11m

By Alasdair Murray

GERALD and Ann Richardson will collect about £4 million after selling their pub chain to Surrey Free Inns for £U.35 million yesterday.

The Richardsons own one third of Richardson luns, which operates eight pubs, including a series of large cafe bars in the City of London and For Your Eyes Only, the UK's largest table-dancing venue.
The remainder of the com-

pany is controlled by Whitbread, which also owns a

4.5 per cent stake in Surrey Free Inns. Mr Richardson will join the board of Surrey Free Inns as an executive director and will invest []

million in its shares. Surrey Free Inns. which now operates 35 sites, said the purchase would improve operating efficiencies and buying power. It predicted that the acquisition would be earnings enhancing, adding about £LS million in profits in the first full year. Surrey is fund-

ing the purchase with a £12 million rights issue, offering one new share for every eight existing shares at 420p.

The company added that it will review the position of For

Your Eyes Only with a view to selling the premises. Surrey made profits of £1.56 million on turnover of £10,7 million in the 36 weeks to February 9. Shares in the AIM-listed company, which intends to transfer to the main market in the autumn closed unchanged at 450p.

MGM in \$573m library purchase

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN NEW TERSIET

MGM, the Hollywood studio, is buying Metromedia Inter-national's entertainment group and film library for \$573 million. The deal will add Dances With Wolves and The Silence of the Lambs to MGM's library, which in-cludes Midnight Cowboy and the James Bond series.

The transaction involves Metromedia's 2,200-title film and television library and the production and distribution activities of its entertainment group, including Orion Ple-tures Corp, Goldwyn Enter-tainment Co and Motion Picture Corp of America. The acquisition more than doubles the size of MGM's library.

MGM, owned by a group of Kerkorian, will also acquire 12 completed movies and five direct-to-video features for future release. Metromedia said that the deal will allow it to focus on its telecommunications business, particularly its expansion in Eastern Europe and the Far East.

The transaction does not include Metromedia's Land-mark Theatre Group, which has 138 screens at 50 locations throughout the US.

After the acquisition MGM's combined libraries will consist of more than 3,600 titles, making it the biggest collection of post-1948 movies.

Along with wireless cable TV systems, Metromedia's relecommunications operations include FM and AM radio broadcasting, paging services and various kinds of telephone services in Eastern Europe, former Soviet republics and other emerging

markets. In addition to movies, MGM has a 4,500-title home video library and a television library. Its operating units include MGM Pictures, United Artists Pictures, MGM Music and MGM Interactive. The deal is subject to shareholder approval and is expected to be completed this summer.

Former chief stirs up boardroom row at Premier

BY CARL MORTISHED

ROLAND SHAW, the former chief executive of Premier Oil, is stirring up a row over an alleged conflict of interest in the presence of Sam Laidlaw, chairman of Amerada Hess, on the board of Premier. Mr Shaw yesterday suggested that Amerada, which owns 25 per cent of Premier, might wish to make a bid for the company and he questioned whether Mr Laidlaw should have access to board documents.

Mr Shaw intends to cast his 2.77 million shares against the re-election of Mr Laidlaw at Wednesday's annual meeting and he said: "If Amerada wants to make an offer, will it do it in co-operation with management or will they fight it vigorously?"

In a letter published in today's edition of the Financial Times, Premier's chairman, Barrie Stephens, said that Amerada and Mr Laidlaw were prohibited from voting on any contract be-tween Amerada and Premier. "Premier's rapid growth during the last year, particularly the highly competitive South East Asian region could not have been achieved against a background of conflict of interest."

Mr Shaw, who resigned as chief executive in 1992 after a

two-year decline in the company's share price, said that Premier's interest in Burma was undervalued by the market and he blamed institutions for failing to address the underperformance. "They run for cover if any-

body suggests they should stand up and be counted," he Tempus, page 32

New setback over tobacco

THE tobacco industry had another setback in the US courts yesterday when the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal against a

Baltimore advertising ban. A billboard company was challenging the city's ban on tobacco and alcohol advertising in residential areas, but the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, ruled that the constitution allows flexibility on advertising if a ban is made to protect children.

The same court will hear a US Food and Drug Administration case to be allowed to regulate tobacco advertising.

Bell Lines rescue plan ready

FROM EILEEN McCabe IN DUBLIN

A RESCUE plan for Bell Lines, the troubled freight group based in the Republic of Ireland, is to be presented to creditors this week and put before a Dublin court for approval next Monday.

The package, drawn up by an examiner appointed in February by the Irish High Court, is believed to involve a debt write-off, the injection of up to Ir£5 million in capital and 200 job losses. It is expected that haulage opera-

tors, who are owed around 1r£17 million, will be offered between Ir30p to Ir40p in the pound. Trade creditors, who are owed IrE8 million, should receive 1r20p in the pound.

Of the proposed job losses. 70 will be in the Republic with the remainder coming from operations in Britain, The Netherlands, France and Germany. Bell, which recorded trading losses of IrE6 million last year, was badly hit by the Channel Tunnel.

It is expected that Irish Continental Group, the shipping company with a 25 per cent stake in Bell, will lead a consortium of investors who will inject IrE5 million into the company immediately as part of the restructuring plan.

It is still not clear whether venture capital funds -- Nat-West Ventures and CVC Capital Partners each owned a 30 per cent stake in Bell - will be part of the new investment

By Fraser Nelson

GO-AHEAD, the transport group, is to strengthen its presence in the South East



MacLeod: digital investment

Results cheer Grampian

SHARES in Grampian Television, the ITV broadcaster in the north of Scotland, rebounded yesterday from their year low after the company reported record earnings. A strong local advertising

market helped Grampian to make pre-tax profits of £11.8 million, or 25.7p a share, in the year to February 28, up from £5.8 million, or 11.6p a share. Excluding a £4.7 million oneoff gain on selling the Scot FM radio station, earnings per

11.6p. A 5.25p final dividend makes 7.25p, up from 5.4p. The shares rose 1712p, to 26312p, after a 12-month low of 24312p last week. Anthony de Larrinaga, analyst with Panmure Gordon, sees Grampian as still undervalued, and with the attraction of being a takeover target. Scottish Television is thought the likeliest suitor.

share were 14.5p., against

Calum MacLeod, chairman, said Grampian is investing in digital broadcasting capability.

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Tory voters.

capitalist policies for

largest bus company, giving it control over most of the town's public transport. The company is paying £5.76 million for Brighton Bus, which was bought by its drivers, management and office workers for £320,000 four years ago. It already owns Brighton's Thameslink rail fran-

of England by buying Brighton's second-

chise and Brighton & Hove, the town's main bus operator. The company is paying Brighton Bus employees 180p a share. The 250 workers who originally supported the buyout paid 10p a share. Half will miss out on Go-Ahead's offer having sold shares in the in-house market which last valued them at 48p apiece.

Go-Ahead to board Brighton Bus

The average payout will be £28,800. Ian Butcher, finance director, said the company would dominate public transport in Brighton after the deal, but the

competing all the time not just with each other, but with other forms of transport. "We see most of our competition comes from cars, and we compete by improving value for money. There's a strong argument for having a single dominant

core area may be too small to warrant

MMC attention. "We will just have to see

how the MMC interpret 'area'. What

people forget is that travel companies are

operator because it less you work much more closely with local government."

trouble is only one in four homes that has access to cable subscribes to the service, CWC

needs to double that ratio if it is not to flop.

The key to success in the cable business is

improving the range and quality of program-

ming while reducing the cost of content-

Hence the need for CWC to renegotiate supply

contracts with BSkyB, the satellite broadcast-

er, which provides almost all of CWC's programming. The size of CWC's customer

base will give it a powerful negotiating

position but the big question is whether CWC

is confident enough to stand up to BSkyB. The

risk is that BSkyB refuses to deal on

favourable terms, leaving CWC in a mad and

costly scramble for alternative programming.

A breakthrough on the programming side

would give CWC a powerful boost but, in the

meantime, there is no hurry to buy.



Late surge fails to restore confidence of investors

SHARE prices were dragged higher to close at their best of the day. But it was a far from convincing performance in thin trading that saw fewer than 700 million shares change hands by the close.

A strong pound, gains of around a half point among government securities and an opening mark-up on Wall Street combined to provide the impetus for a late advance that left the FT-SE 100 index 20.0 up at 4,389.7. It enabled the market to claw back all of Friday's losses but did little to restore investor confidence. There was little genuine retail demand, investors are proving reluctant to open fresh positions ahead of polling day and Friday's US non-farm

There was a lukewarm response by institutional investors to first-time dealings in Cable and Wireless Communications, an offshoot of Cable and Wireless, up 72p at 479p, Videotron, Nynex Cablecomms and Bell

The price opened at 300p and touched 30612p before dropping to 2942 p. It later railied to close 2p cheaper at 2002p as 7.59 million shares were traded. Brokers say fund managers may take to CWC eventually, switching out of the other American cable companies such as Telewest, 14p better at 90p.

But there was a positive response to the news that the Government had decided not to refer the £1.3 billion bid by Williams Holdings for Chubb Security, 222p higher at 4472p, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Williams rose 15p to 333p.

City speculators moved in on Vickers, up 2½p at 210½p after last week's profits warning. They say the setback for profits leaves the group vulnerable to an unwanted bid from the likes of GKN, down 3p at 9132p. The speculation was no doubt fuelled by recommendations on Vickers from BZW and Hoare Govett. Rival HSBC James Capel is believed to be telling clients that a bid for Vickers is

Lucas Varity fell 6p to 183 2 p after buying back a further 2.5 million of its own shares at 185p. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, conducted the business.

Hambros saw its price touch 22612p before "apologising unreservedly" to the



Asda proved a bright spot with better than expected trading

Co-operative Wholesale Society for its behaviour while acting as an adviser for Andrew Regan. The CWS is now taking legal action against and others but has called off threatened action Hambros which closed 5p better at 242p.

Shares of BSM went into reverse, falling 38p to 10312p. after a warning that profits

be in line with the £1.6 million made in the first six months. Revelation of Piccadilly, the Aim-listed retailer, celebrated its maiden payout with a rise of 2p to 54p. Full-year figures showed a fourfold rise in pre-tax profits with brokers pencilling in £750,000 for the

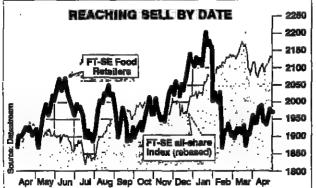
current year. Alfred McAlpine, up 4p at 1672p, has emerged as the

Vulnerable targets are always under attack by the bears and Shield Diagnostics has proved no exception. Yesterday the bears sold it short down to 462's p before the shares closed a net 47'2p off at 480p. The move follows last week's 35p fall in the share price in the wake of reports of share sales by the board.

were likely to plunge to around half last year's level. It blamed the new driving test that includes a written theory test. Many learners have now put off booking tests until they pass the theory side.

Another profits warning left WEW Group nursing a loss of 22p at 162p. The retailer expects second-half profits to be neutral after exceptional gains of E2 million. Profits will mystery suitor in bid talks with rival Raine. McAlpine revealed its identity in an attempt to play down speculation. It warned the market that any bid for Raine will be at a small premium to the market price of 194 p. up 4 p.

Quality Care responded to news of a bid approach with a rise of 37p to 311p where the company is valued at E43 million. Word is the bidder



ago the Darlington-based nursing homes group rejected an offer of 330p a share from Sun Health Care.

News of the sharp increase in losses last year at Chiroscience left the shares nursing a fall of 172 p at 335p. The company gave warning that the research and development "cash burn" would be higher than most brokers had been forecasting. It has been a difficult time of late for the food retailers although conditions may start to look up if a Labour government is elected. That is the view of Philip Dorgan, food retailing analyst at Panmure Gordon, the broker. In a review entitled Life Under Labour he concludes that any alterations to corporation tax may prompt the supermarket chains to return spare cash to shareholders rather than open more stores. But he remains neutral on the sector after a period of underperformance.

The one encouraging spot is Asda, 4p easier at 1164p. which Dorgan visited recently ahead of its April year end. Trading has been better than expected and he has lifted his forecast from £337 million to £352 million. The figures will include a fifty-third week which should bolster profits by around £7 million.

But William de Winten at Hoare Govett remains cautious about the food retailers and fears margins continue to be eroded. Safeway, unchanged at 344 p, is said to be vulnerable to margin pressure. Sainsbury firmed 2 p to 324p. Tesco eased ip to 363p and Somerfield shed 2 p at 180 2 p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices in London closed below their best levels of the day reflecting a cautious start to trading

among US Treasury bonds. In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt closed E⁵16 firmer at E109¹16 as a meagre 37,000 contracts were completed. At the longer end of the conventional market. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 put on E716 at E1022532, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was three ticks better at £1024.

□ NEW YORK: Technology shares were boosted by news that global unit shipments of personal computers had jumped 16 per cent in the first quarter from a year earlier. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 32.51 points to 6.771.38 at midday.

MAJOR INDICES

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Premier has been unofficially in play for months. A standstill agreement that kept Amerada's 25 per cent interest in check came to an end last February, arousing Amerada has been building up its own South East Asian

with the Instructor. Moreover, the bookings compare poorly with last winter's rush to sit the test before the nasty written part was introduced. Irksome, says BSM, but ultimately no big deal. Stu-

TEMPUS

Under the ground

CABLE and Wireless Communications is not

a pretty stock market debutant. It consists of

four companies - Mercury and the Nynex.

Bell CableMedia and Videotron cable busi-

nesses - whose fortunes have ranged from

the mediocre to the disastrous. CWC begins its quoted career with virtually no profits, £1.3

billion in debt and a commitment to spend

£2.3 billion over the next two years. Gearing will rise from 51 per cent to 95 per cent and

shareholders will be lucky to see a dividend

for five years. Finally, CWC has no brand; the

But there is hope. CWC has enormous

potential to grow. The cable networks are only

half built; when finished, CWC will have

access to six million homes. In an industry

where content cannot exist without distribu-

tion, this asset could be invaluable. The

BSM

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anticipation.

NOT so long ago, BSM was

rubbing its hands at the

prospect of a written driving

test but vesterday the direc-

tors looked as though their

car had run into a lamppost.

Last year's "opportunities

arising" from the new theory

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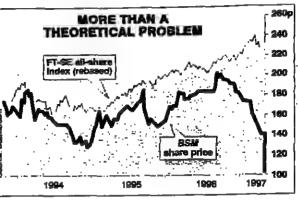
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Mercury name did not survive the merger.

dents are bound to creep out from hehind their books at some point; a question of when rather than if. But if BSM were truly confident.

would it shut down 20 outlets and make noises about cost savings. The share price suggests BSM was building for the boom that never was. now shutting shops as quickly as it opened them last year. Investors must conclude that Britain's novicedrivers are truly dim or something is seriously antiss



HELL HATH no fury like a chief executive scorned. Roland Shaw's very public attack on the composition of the Premier Oil boardroom, in which he once featured large. brings back memories of Tiny Rowland, another man who put his personal stamp on the company that employed him, not always to the liking of institutional shareholders. But behind the allegation of conflict of interest lies the more interesting question of bids.

speculation that Amerada would sell. In the event. neither has happened and it is worth considering why. Since it acquired its stake, portfolio of oil and gas inter-

ests. The logic of buying out Premier has diminished just as the share price has advanced but, more important, Amerada is an American company and Premier's big stake in Burmese gas is now powerful deterrent to American investors, fearful of the proposed sanctions legislation.

Premier has made a speciality of investing in pariah countries - Albania, Cuba, Burma — a policy that opens doors to interesting deals while closing doors to big investors. Even if Amerada wants to sell, it may find buyers thin on the ground, at least until the US Congress decides how big a stick it wishes to wield against the Burmese generals.

McAlpine/ Kaine

ALFRED MCALPINE wants to do its bit in the construction industry shake-out. For a modest £40 million, it proposes to take over Raine and create a El billion business with strength in housebuilding. It is hard to summon up much enthusiasm for this prospect. Neither company entered negotiations with a strong record. It would he encouraging to see McAlpine make rather more progress at home before trying to sort out someone else's problems.

As for Raine, it has begun to emerge from a dreadful few years. Roy Barber, the "company doctor" who remains as chairman, recently handed over the chief executive's role to David Vincent. Mr Barber may feel his job is nearly done, but shareholders have scarcely begun to see what Raine can do. Surely a recovering business with annual sales of almost £400 million should be worth more than £40 million?

No deal is yet agreed, so neither McAlpine nor Raine have had a chance to explain their strategic thinking. It will need to be good.

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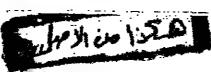
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ow should you vote if you want to reduce the chances of a single European currency replacing the

Assuming you do not live in a constituency which is winnable by the Referendum Party, the choice seems quite clear. The Times yesterday published a long list of parliamentary candidates unequivocally opposed to the single currency — and the great majority of these were Tonies.

The obvious answer is to vote Tory, especially after John Major's sudden decision to offer his party a free vote. But often the obvious is wrong. Anyone who sincerely wants to preserve Britain's economic sovereignty and its democratic system of government, and who values these rights above tribal party loyalties, should vote

I touched on the negative reasons for such a judgment in the Economic View the Friday before

Why voting Labour could be best way to halt an undemocratic bankers' Europe

Major's promise of a free vote had made it more likely than before Europe going ahead at all with a that a Tory government would single currency, at least under lead Britain into EMU, since the Prime Minister would be able to rely on cross-party support for European policy, as Ted Heath had done in 1972. Let me now suggest a more important and encouraging reason why a Labour government might be more successful than the Tories in preserving Britain's economic independence — not just in the next parliament, but also in the

There are two critical points. First, that keeping Britain out is only a second-best response to the challenge of EMU. A far better

anything like the undemocratic structure agreed at Maastricht. Until recently any hope of persuading the rest of Europe to abandon the Maastricht proces seemed utterly forlorn, which is why Eurosceptics (myself included) have therefore concentrated on the second-best solution of keeping Britain out. We have known all along that any such reprieve was likely to be only temporary. If the single currency survived the initial uncertainties and crises, then Britain would almost certainly join the European superstate

after 2002, under pressure from



the business community and the City, whether the Tories or Labour

In the past few weeks, however, unexpected political develop-ments have given hope of a last-

single currency disaster. The de-bate over EMU within Europe has been transformed - and has raised the possibility that a strong and united British government could exert a decisive influence on Europe for the first time since 1985-86, when Margaret Thatcher created the harmonised single

The second point to grasp is that the tide of European politics has reversed direction since the 1980s. The only people in Europe who can now stop a single currency are the leaders and voters of the social democratic Left. The parties of the Right in Europe have all fallen under the complete domination of

CDU. The European Left, by contrast, has suddenly begun to understand the social costs and to question the political legitimacy of the "bankers' Europe" decreed at

This is most obvious in France, where the Socialists are moving on to an overtly anti-EMU platform in their election campaign. Lionel Jospin, the Socialist leader, declared yesterday that "we should not enter the single currency without conditions", all of which he knew to be totally unacceptable to the German Government and the Bundesbank. In Italy a similar process may soon be under way. Even in Germany the Left is poised on a knife-edge.

A breakthrough for a reinvented Labour Party in Britain might be sufficient to inspire the SPD to abandon its tired, traditionalist pro-EMU leadership and re-invent itself d la new Labour under the more electable and Eurosceptic Gerhardt Schroder.

In sum, a victorious Labour government — especially one led by an attractive, potentially even glamorous, young leader like Tony Blair — could create a new dynamic on the Left in Europe. It could give voters of the Left the confidence that the Right can be defeated and politicians the hope that a new kind of left-wing politics can be reinvented by abandoning the dogmas of the past. Does Mr Blair understand the role he could play in creating a dynamic, democratic "people's Europe" instead of the depressed, bureaucratic "bankers' Europe" of Maastricht? Perhaps not. But at least, under Labour, the opportunity will be there for a British

'Good guys' spread the net in non-stop war on dirty money

Ian Brodie looks at efforts to

put wrinkles on the ever-inventive face of international laundering

ohn Moscow, the senior assistant district attorney in Manhattan better known for his work on the global investigation of the collapsed BCCI (Bank of Credit and Commerce International), will address a London symposium today on the global implications of US fraud and money-laundering laws and how they impact on City banks and money houses.

A fellow speaker will be Rowan Bosworth-Davies, a former detective with the Metropolitan Police company fraud squad and now with Titmuss Sainer Dechert, the law firm hosting the sympo-sium. He will tell delegates: "Any person who seeks to do business which involves the transfer of US dollars anvwhere . . . must be aware of the draconian implications of American legislation for them and their employers."

Mr Bosworth-Davies points outs that 60 per cent of the world's trade is conducted in US dollars and 44 per cent of those transactions, worth approximately \$3.5 trillion, clear through the New York bankclearing system on any given day. Therefore that money, and those who transmit or receive it, falls under not just US Federal law but New York County law as well.

Just how quickly the US authorities can react on the international stage is illustrated by a recent case. A simple computer screen shows that a Nigerian woman suspected of working for a drugs ring deposited \$50,000 in a Dutch bank. A couple of clicks reveal a network of payments that she made and received. A few more clicks go deeper, uncovering remote links between her and a web of company and individual accounts that had otherwise seemed unrelated

and had gone unnoticed. In a matter of seconds, suspicious bank investigators have followed threads to dubious transactions that would previously have taken them days to untangle. The software, Syfact, is a new wrinkle in the changing face of money laundering. The makers claim it is the most sophisticated means of fraud protection.

The system was developed by Inter Access Risk Manage-ment of Hilversum and has been installed in the last year by four leading Dutch banks. It is also in use in the Dutch Caribbean island of Aruba, a major money-laundering centre, and in Cyprus, a favourite trans-shipment point for the Russian Maffa's illegal profits. Several British banks are interested in Syfact.

Syfact may give the "good guys" an edge over the "bad guys", but experience shows that money launderers soon devise ways to counter the latest threat to their fortunes. Money laundering, the process by which drug revenues and other illicit profits are made to appear licit, is limited only by the imaginations of the launderers. Some £2 billion a year thought to be laundered through Britain where financial firms are obliged by law to take steps to prevent it, and face substantial penalties if they look the other way.

ally, money launder ing is a three-step process: placement: initial entry of illegal funds into the stream of commerce; layering: transactions calculated to conceal the funds' true source; and integration: injection of the money back into the economy in its disguised, seemingly legitimate form. Once laundered, it is as hard to distinguish as a needle in a stack of needles.

Drug cartels receive the most attention, but money laundering extends to a variety of organised and whitecollar crimes, according to a new study by Michael Zeldin, former chief investigator for money laundering at the US Justice Department. He is now managing director in Washington for Defence Strategies International, specialists in safeguarding corporate clients against crime. He says the proceeds from dirty money support arms smuggling, insurance and bank fraud, counterfeiting, grey market sales. and international terrorism.

When President Clinton issued orders blocking assets and prohibiting transactions with narcotics traffickers, his list included car dealerships, chains of chemists' shops,



Sharon Stone in Casino. Gambling is a much-favoured conduit for laundering

pharmaceutical manufacturers, chemical companies and import-export firms - all alleged fronts for washing Colombian cartels' drugs profits. Mr Clinton himself might have been stung by laundered funds. The FBI is investigating

China's role in funnelling money through Asian donors into his re-election campaign. Close to \$3 million is being returned as questionable.

Ingenious laundering schemes have been uncovered in Britain: bearer bonds paid for in cash with false names;

casino chips bought for cash and turned in at the end of the evening for a cheque attributable to winnings; life insurance policies bought with cash and surrendered for a refund

cheque; and fake invoices paid to shell companies overseas. American investigators have just nailed a racket that used wire transfers, one of the oldest money-laundering devices. Cartels were sending \$1.3 billion a year back to Colombia through money re-

mittance shops in New York

catering to immigrants. The

torrent of cash indicated that immigrants must be wiring home the equivalent of their

entire annual wages.
Then the US Treasury changed its rules and required remittance shops to report all transactions over \$750, rather than \$10,000. The low ceiling forced cartels to return to smuggling bulk shipments of cash in coffins, bowling balls and other crude hiding places. Customs agents were waiting - in three months they seized \$30 million.

Concerns are rising about

cial Action Task Force, a group of 26 countries meeting in Paris, has given warning that the "speed, security and anonymity" of digital cash payments over the Internet could thwart techniques for tracking tainted money.

E-money payments are made over systems that allow customers to store funds on their hard drives or on computer chip cards and to transfer them electronically to merchants, banks, or indeed anyone around the world under the cloak of encryption.

The systems are still experimental. Launderers face the problem of entry and exit "choke points". How do they load a large amount of dodgy money into e-money accounts undetected and cash it out into real money at the other end?

Mondex International, a London company that franchises its e-money computer card technology to banks and corporations, takes the threat of infiltration by money laun-

derers extremely seriously. Most banks transferring cash into digital money limit the amounts to no more than £300. That means a criminal would need hundreds of cards to launder a substantial sum. pler after all.

The Glasgow law firm of Semple Fraser has posted an Internet warning to British firms to be on the alert for money launderers to avoid the risk of heavy penalties. The laws compel companies to take preventive measures.

There are five money-laundering offences in Britain: concealment of funds derived from criminal conduct; acquisition of such funds; assistance in retaining or controlling the funds; failure to disclose a suspicion of money launder-ing; and tipping off a suspect about a police investigation into money laundering.

Lawyers, accountants and others handling transactions for third parties are encouraged to know their clients. They need to look out for money arriving from unexpected sources and be wary of anyone who is secretive about his or her identity or background. They must develop a sense of detecting anything that does not feel right.

As Semple Fraser puts it Those who choose to turn a blind eye to the legislation will assuredly risk an unwelcome and heavy penalty."

Rank upset

OH DEAR, oh dear. My man on the

taxi rank tells me of a small contre-

temps the other day between a large

silver Mitsubishi Shogun and a

London cab. The side-on collision caused considerable damage to the

taxi whereas the Shogun appeared

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EBRD director rejects reports of lobbying by a Belgian faction

From the Director for Bel- board of directors a first-rate gium, Luxembourg and Slove-nia, European Bank for Reconstruction Development

Sir, As the official representative of Belgium in the board of directors of the EBRD, I would like to protest strongly against the allegations in your paper (Business News, April S. April 9 and April 11) pertain-ing to a so-called Belgian faction within the EBRD, lobbying against the possibility of an American candidate succeeding Ron Freeman as the

EBRD's first vice-president. In a statement to Reuters on April 8, I stressed that Belgium was fully supporting the process set up by Jacques de Larosière, EBRO president, to select and recommend to the

banker with a profile as close as possible to that of Mr Freeman, who made a decisive contribution to the EBRD's successful development over the last six years.

i should also like to emphasise that a number of Belgians of outstanding calibre work within the bank and Belgium is proud of them. I can assure you that they all have the highest respect for Mr de Larosière's management and trust him to find a successor worthy of Mr Freeman.

Yours faithfully, BERNARD SNOY, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. One Exchange Square, London, EC2.

Speaking for the IoD membership

From the Director-General of the Institute of Directors

Sir, I don't mind criticism, but it would be more helpful if it was constructive (Pennington,

Pennington says that my outburst against Labour policy was hardly constructive. But he then goes on to say that our members may benefit from having a strong voice to larly with an incoming Government

Secondly. Pennington mocks my efforts to draw attention to the poor public perception of business and the values it adopts. But two thirds of the 2,500 people present at our annual convention agreed with me that it was

a problem. Perhaps Pennington should listen to them rather than to

Yours faithfully. TIM MELVILLE-ROSS (Director-General), The Institute of Directors, lló Pall Mall, SW1.

Saver seeks windfall reassurance

From Mr A. D. R. Holland Sir, Having paid a windfall tax on a modest holding of bank shares, held for 40 yearsand levied by a Tory Govern-

ment, it seems likely that an incoming Labour government will levy this populist form of tax on my utility shares, held since privatisation. Having been a steady saver for about 40 years, it seems that I am about to receive a

insurance policies. From reports in the financial press, it would seem the total windfall could amount to £20 billion, divided among as many as 20 million voters. It would be reassuring if the main political parties would

undertake not to tax these windfalls in the next parliament, except under taxes al-ready in existence. Will they give this unequivo-

cal reassurance, or is there a hidden agenda? ANTHONY HOLLAND. Windlesham Manor, Windlesham,

Clutching at straws in the quest for success

From Mr Kenneth Armitage Sir. The fact that Tom Peters has consistently failed in his "attempts to build a consultancy business on the back of his success" ("Fading fame of a management 'guru'". April 10), only serves to prove the maxim that "those who can, do, and those who cannot,

The point about In Search of Excellence is, surely, that it was written at a time of recession, and when people are under pressure they will clutch at any straw that might make them feel that they are doing something to improve performance when, clearly, they have little or no control

teach, or lecture".

over external circumstances, and certainly not in the short

Further, the Japanese management model, based on quality service and quality products to meet the demands of customers, appears to keep rumbling along whilst we, in the Anglo-American model, have gone through delayering, downsizing, business process re-engineering

Yours faithfully 6 Deben Valley Drive, Kesgrave, Suffolk,

(BPR), empowerment and outsourcing to name a few and have still not succeeded to the same degree. K. P. ARMITAGE.

Filling in new tax return proves not so taxing

Sir, I started with some trepidation on my new tax return 1996-97 in view of the unfavourable publicity. I was surprised how easy it is to fill in - and I have not read the accompanying guide. I had to telephone my local peoplefriendly tax office with two minor questions, which were answered, as always, quickly and efficiently; but I was surprised to learn that, as yet, they did not have copies of the forms that have been sent out.

From Miss Delia Twamley

had occasion to telephone a department of my stockbroker with a question. I was told that they could not answer any questions then as the "system had crashed" over the weekend and they had "gone blind". I was advised by the helpful, but actually helpless. man to ring again, and this I fully intend to do. Yours faithfully, D.W.B. TWAMLEY, 15 Capel Close,

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Double blow Prosperity" conference, a platform THESE are trying times for Lord for new Labour speechifying. The Hambro. Yesterday, his merchant company still gave its customary bank was driven into issuing a grovelling apology to the Co-op

cash for the Labour Party. The latest Taylor Woodrow report admits to a £5,000 political donation to sponsor a "Planning for

over its role in the Lanica non-bid

fiasco. But this ignominy can

hardly have been more painful for

the top Tory fundraiser than seeing

Taylor Woodrow, where he is a

non-executive director, putting up



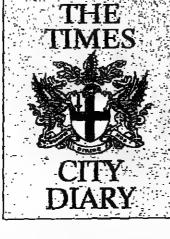
Lord Hambro saw his bank having to issue an apology

£25,000 to the Conservatives but was clearly keen to make a gesture of goodwill to the other side. Lord Hambro will be saved the difficulties of convincing the board to keep up the Tory donation next year: he is standing down from Taylor Woodrow's board at the annual meeting in June.

 ON the subject of Taylor Woodrow, it is good to see that Keith Egerton, who runs the housebuilding side, has reserved himself a £165,000 flat in the group's new development at The City Quay, overlooking Tower Bridge and but a stone's throw from The Times's offices. A case of "Le Patron habite ici."

Cable guy

EXTRAVAGANT claims from biotechnology companies are nothing new, but Chiroscience's John Padfield has a corker. Before the \$120 million purchase of Darwin Molecular last November. Padfield had to make his pitch to the Seattle firm's board - including Bill Gates and Paul Allen, the founders of Microsoft. The Chiroscience boss turned up with his presentation on a laptop



computer - complete with slides based on the cover of Gates's book. But Padfield's heart was soon sinking when, with Gates and Allen looking over his shoulders, he could see no way of connecting the laptop to the office projector. Equally nonplussed, the software whizkids sent for a technician. He was not needed. Padfield realised the problem was easily solved by switching round the computer cables. "Gee," quipped Gates. you must know more about computers than we do!"

Away victory

A CLUE to Robin Launders's commitment to his job as chief executive of Leeds United, which he left yesterday, came last week when he and

Mark Corbidge, chief executive of Newcastle United, were both due to address a conference on Football and Finance. They found themselves on the same train down from the North which stopped at Peterborough and would not go on because of bomb scares. Corbidge manfully hailed a taxi and said he would fight his way into London while Launders merely scuttled back to Leeds.

First to go

RUMOURS abound that all is not sweetness at Queen Anne's Gate, the home of Hambro Magan which Nat-West bought for £150 million last year. Odelle Griffiths, a managing director, has resigned and is leaving on Wednesday. She is the first senior Hambro person to go. Perhaps those golden handcuffs were just not strong enough.

Seoul warning

ANYONE else thinking of attacking Britain's suddenly beloved CWS might heed news from Seoul, where civic groups threaten a nationwide boycott of Coca-Cola over the Americans' treatment of Burn Yang Food, South Korea's main Coke bottler. Burn Yang has roused the nation's ire by claiming that Coca-Cola used new open competition rules to stop its 25year contract and try to buy its assets at "extraordinarily" low prices in a "hostile takeover bid". Coke denies it is a bum deal.

Nicola Horlick will be talking to her nanny after a collision

Kalamazoo issues profit warning

By GEORGE SIVELL

SHARES in Kalamazoo dived 22p to 7712p yesterday after the computer group said its results for the year to March 31 would not match current market forecasts and that two unnamed individuals had breached internal controls.

The company said an internal review had revealed certain breaches of internal control within the British business solutions division. In a statement to the Stock Exchange. Kalamazoo said: "The results reported by that division's management accounts do not reflect accurately its performance.

Kalamazoo said it had carried out a comprehensive review of the breaches, and that the two individuals responsible are no longer with the company. Kalamazoo said Deloitte & Touche, the auditor, was assisting with a review of the company's internal controls.

The company said the breaches, which took place mainly in the second half of the year, would result in profits before tax and exceptional franchise litigation costs being similar to the £5.9 million reported before tax for the year ended March 31, 1996. The previously announced litigation costs will remove a further E2 million from pre-tax profits, making £3.9 million for the year against previous market forecasts of £7 million. Kalamazoo made £6.8 miltion in the year to March 1995 and £6.3 million in the year to March 1994.

The company said the rest of its activities, particularly within the continental European computer division and the security print division, had performed in line with or ahead of expectations.

Kalamazoo said that it intended to declare a final dividend with the preliminary results, scheduled to be announced on June 26. which would be not less than the 1996 final dividend of 3.05p per share.



Rohan Courtney, chairman of West 175 Enterprises, the US-based television production company whose shares trade on the Alternative Investment Market. The company lost \$172,263 in 1996 (1995: \$337,198 profit). The shares, which fell from 130p after a profit warning, rose 2p to 77p yesterday

Aerostructures at heart of sluggish results from EIS

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THE troubled Aerostructures Hamble returned to haunt the City yesterday when EIS Group, the aerospace components company that rescued the business, disappointed investors with year-end profits well below expectations.

EIS shares fell 9 per cent, to 31212 p, after the company reported pre-tax profits of £23.4 million for the year to the end of December, up from £20.3 million. But earnings were flat at 28.7p a share, against 28.5p.

In January the stock traded at 396p before rumours of

trading problems began to circulate in the market. The results dismayed analysts. who cut current year forecasts to around £25 million from £26-£27 million.

At the heart of the sluggish performance is Aerostructures, which was acquired in September 1995 for £18.3 million, a discount of £50 million to the original stock market value of the business. EIS said the condition of

Aerostructures' contracts was more serious than envisaged. and the company has taken a further £5.2 million charge

against goodwill. Managefrom £23.4 million. Four busiment changes were made and nesses were acquired in 1996: Aerocontracts, a distributor of major projects were renegotiated and managed back to schedule. But this was achieved at considerable cost. aircraft parts; R.D. Taylor, a specialist chemicals distributor; Air-Log, a supplier of technology for suspension sysand effort had to be diverted into managing the Boeing 737-700 wing leading edge and the tems; and Techim, a French distributor of mass transfer wing components contracts for the McDonnell Douglas plant and equipment. EIS said the strength of

sterling had a significant im-Group turnover improved to £476.7 million from £389.1 pact on the business, particularly in the final quarter. increasing competitive pres-sures and having an adverse million, with a £27.7 million contribution from acquisitions. At the operating level impact on export margins. profits rose to £29.6 million Sir Norman Wooding,

chairman, said some companies within the group had made a slow start to the current year, despite the continuing market resilience in Britain and America. Further reorganisation would continue to offset the adverse impact of currency changes and depressed European conditions. There is a final dividend of

BUSINESS FOR SALE

Enterprise and BP to swap assets

By CARL MORTISHED

ENTERPRISE OIL and BP have agreed to swap North Sea oil and gas assets worth £100 million in a deal that will give Enterprise control of the Pierce oilfield in exchange for interests in two gasfields.

per cent of the Amethyst gasfield and 13.5 per cent of Raven-spurn North for BP's 43 per cent share in Pierce, which last year produced 19.000 barrels per day under an extended well test. The asset swap involves the exchange of about 100 mil-lion barrels of oil equivalent for the two companies, but for Enterprise the attraction is to increase its exposure to crude oil. A spokesman for Enterprise said the company was ex-

changing mature gas assets for new oilfields. Unlike BP, Enterprise is not in the UK gas chain and has less ability to add value to North Sea gas. The deal is subject to government and co-venturer consent and on completion will give Enterprise 74 per cent of Pierce and operatorship of the Central North Sea field.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

German cartel office investigates BICC

THE German cartel office has confirmed that BICC, the British cable company, Siemens, Alcatel and ABB Asea Brown Boveri are to be investigated for allegedly attempting to carve up the domestic cable market in Germany. The cartel office said that the investigation centres on KWU, the Siemens power generation unit, Kwo Kabel, a BICC subsidiary. Felten & Guilleaume Energietechnik. ABB Kabel und Draht, and two Alcatel subsidiaries. The cartel office said that the companies were cited in September in the context of an inquiry into having possibly agreed on carving up the market. The office declined to comment on the status of the investigation, which is still under way, or on whether, and by how much, the companies might be fined.

The cartel office said that results of the investigation are expected "soon", but declined to specify a date. The office was unable to confirm that the fines on the companies would be DM200 million, as expected by analysts in Germany.

WEW trims expectations

SHARES IN WEW, the discount store group, fell more than 13 per cent yesterday after it said that pre-tax profit in the second half will be "broadly neutral" after exceptional gains of £2 million. This means that full-year profits are likely to be in line with the £1.6 million reported in the first half. It said that trading at the old format stores remains difficult, while the four new concept stores — named "The Store" — are exceeding the board's expectations. The exceptional gains arise from the sale of property. The shares closed at 16¹2p, down 2¹2p.

United appointment

UNITED NEWS & MEDIA said yesterday it had appointed Gerry Wilton to become chief executive of Harlow Butler and Garban its broking companies. In addition to his previous responsibilities for the broking businesses in Europe and Asia he will now add the businesses in North and South America. Together these companies form the largest integrated money and securities broking group in the world, said United News & Media. Charles Gregson was formerly chairman and chief executive of the broking companies. He continues as chairman.

Lego builds up in UK

STRONG sales growth in Britain helped Lego, the Danish toy manufacturer, to increase its profits last year. The Lego Group's pre-tax profit rose from DKr676 million (£67 million) to DKr699 million. UK sales rose by 11 per cent because of new products and the impact of the opening of the Legoland theme park at Windsor, Berkshire, Kirk Kristiansen, president, said that the company had set itself a goal of being the strongest brand among families with children by 2005.

R-R's £25m Kenya deal

ROLLS-ROYCE's Allen Diesels has won a £25 million order to upgrade a power station in Kenya. As part of an order from Iberafrica Power, Allen Diesels is responsible for all mechanical and electrical engineering as well as supplying eight heavy fuel-burning engines from Japan, in one of Kenya's first diesel-powered independent power projects. Rolls-Royce said the new equipment is to provide much-needed electricity to industrial and domestic users in the Nairobi region.

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Yamaichi focus on London

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN TOKYO

YAMAICHI, Japan's number four stockbroker, is to close three of its continental offices and make London the centre of its European operations.

Yesterday, Yamaichi de-clared a small pre-tax profit for the year to March 31 but suffered a net loss after bailing out a troubled financial affiliated company. Yamaichi posted parent company profits of 1.22 billion yen for the year to March 31, down 91.9 per cent. But a one-off loss of 150 billion yen suffered by a financial affiliate helped to push Yamaichi to a net loss of 164.76 billion yen (£900 million). Ryuji Shirai, vice-president,

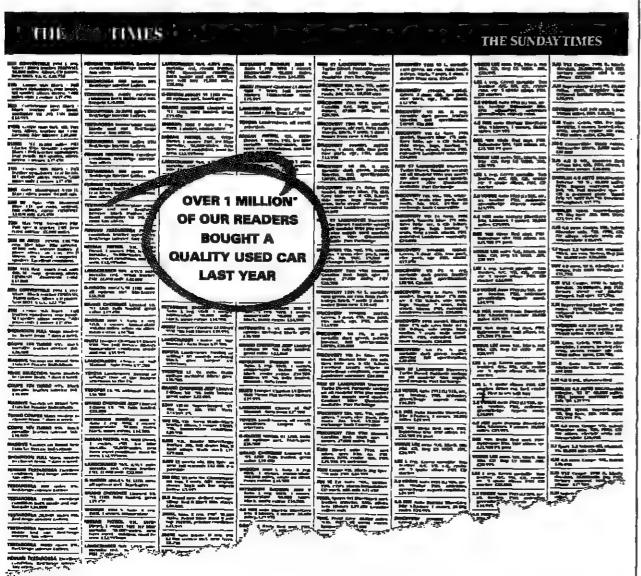
said Yamaichi was conducting an in-house investigation after revelations by Nomura that

volved in suspected illegal deals. Last month, Mr Shirai said that an internal investigation had not found any accounts linking the firm to racketeers. He also denied reports that Yamaichi had conducted illegal.. "tobashi" deals in which brokers seek to bide a client's investment losses by transferring them to another client's account.

two of its directors were in-

9.9p a share, making a total dividend of 13.5p (13.1p).

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Self-employed ready to head off witch-hunt after election

By Rodney Hobson

GROWING concern over the status of self-employed people in the construction industry will be brought to the attention of Treasury ministers immediately after the general election.

Stephen Alambritis, spokesman for the Federation of Small Business, said: "We have already made representations before the election was called seeking assurances that there would not be a witch-hunt against the self-employed.

We are waiting to see who is in the Treasury on May 2 so we can take up the cudgels again. We are calling for the right for people to declare that they are self-employed and it should be up to the inland Revenue to contest that at the Revenue's expense."

At issue is a campaign by the Inland Revenue and the Contributions Agency to reclassify as employed up to 500,000 of the 750,000 holders of 714 certification. These government certificates, issued to workers in construction and related work, have previously been accepted as proof that holders are genuinely self-employed. They act as sub-contractors, receiving payments without tax or National Insurance deducted.

Taking workers into employment costs a company about 15 per cent on top of the wages bill. Given the continuing depressed state of the



"I'm just looking at the list I made before the last election"

construction industry, workers are having to take pay cuts because employers cannot pass on the extra cost. Some of those affected claim that the Inland Revenue is effectively deciding when the rules will be enforced. The Revenue maintains that those who are genuinely self-employed have nothing to worry about. It offered an amnesty to companies that reclassified workers as employees, promising not to claim tax on previous years.

Barry Slasberg, who provides book-keeping and accountancy services to clients in the construction industry from his Northampton of fice, said: "For some 25 years, the Inland Revenue and the Contribu-tions Agency have been practising the most flagrant, deliberate and inexcusable maladministration regarding employment status in the construction industry. They have created an employment custom contrary to legislation. A whole culture cannot be changed in a day."

Mr Alambritis said: "The Inland Revenue is aghast that there are 750,000 certificates in the system. This has arisen because the Government had been so successful over the years in encouraging selfemployment. Our worry is that the Inland Revenue is under enormous pressure to cut back on spending and one of the sectors they can look at is small businesses, where they are raking in only small sums in tax."

Mike Warburton, senior tax partner in Grant Thornton, financial advisers, fears that some agencies supplying workers to the construction industry are in for a nasty shock. He said: "The National insurance laws say that agencies who supply workers to the construction industry must also pay their NI contributions. However, until now, the taxman has not always chased this payment."

There are four million self-employed in the UK, about a quarter of the European Union total. More than half of them have turnover of less than £12,000 a year.



Tax perk: the Inland Revenue advert for self-assessment, with its play on words, that appeared on a Chinese takeaway carton

Adverts are topping on takeaway

BY RODNEY HORSON

AN IDEA ignored for more than six years resurfaced to show why some small business owners are more successful than others.

Richard Francis, managing director of Spiral Packs, explains how he made an already profitable company more successful. He says: "I was part of a team that bought out a company making lids for food carions. I walked round the very clean factory and saw the product going through, all white. "I felt there was something wrong but I didn't know what it was. When I came back with the

The Patent Office has cut patent examination fees from £130 to £70, reducing the overall cost to £225, to encourage more small and medium sized companies to protect their ideas, Details: 0645 500505.

☐ More than half of a sample of companies with turnovers of El million to £100 million surveyed for NatWest in the first quarter of this year reported sales up on the first quarter of 1996, and more than 60 per cent expected them to keep rising. As a result of improved sales, 40 per cent have taken on

buyout team it was mentioned in the course of discussions that six or eight years previously someone had thought about putting adver-tisements on the lids. The penny Adlids supplies nearly a billion dropped. I saw the opportunity of

adding value by putting colour where colour had not been before." At that time Mr Francis was managing director of a textile company selling furnishings and his background was in designing so he had an eye for visual impact The result, Adlids, can be seen increasingly by buyers of takeaway meals. The UK has 17,000 Indian and Chinese food outlets, more than 6,000 of them takesways. The rest are restaurants that also supply meals to take home.

food carton lids a year, sold through wholesalers. About 600 million go to Chinese and Indian takeaways. Advertisers pay £20 to £25 per 1,000 to adom them, depending on the size of the order. They can have a message distributed nationally or tailored to tele-vision transmission areas. So far, dients include the Inland Revenue publicising self-assessment, the Department of Transport, campaign-ing against drink-driving, Channel 4 Television, Tango soft drinks and Blackthorn cider. To give outlets the incentive to

use the lids, they are sold at a discount to the plain white ones. Mr Francis says: "Our product guarantees impact. You have to look at the lid while you open the carton. There are 5.1 million takeaways sold each week largely to people with high dispos-

Adlids: 0181-311 9000

Bank finds optimism among black entrepreneurs

By Brian Collett

BLACK owners of small businesses are the ethnic group most likely to write formal business plans, Barclays Bank researchers have reported

They found that 56 per cent of those interviewed had produced detailed plans and that 60 per cent had undertaken vocational or practical training the found of th tical training. They also found unexpectedly high confidence among black businesses, which probably resulted from careful startup preparation. Among the respondents, 84 per cent were optimistic about their prospects and 79 per cent believed that ethnic minority businesses had an increasingly important role to play in the economy.

"It was one of the more surprising aspects of the research," said Peter Oatley, Barclays Bank's small business services manager. It contrasted with optimism among only 63 per cent of their white counterparts and was maintained in spite of the obstacles faced by black business people. Almost half said that they had suffered discrimination and 30 per cent said that they had become self-employed because they could not obtain work.

Another finding by the Barchays researchers was that, of the ethnic minority entrepreneurs, Asians worked the longest day - 1112

hours on average. ☐ The Small Business Bureau and NatWest have helped to set up the African Caribbean Westminster Initiative, with Lord Taylor of Warwick as its first president. The aims include establishing a business research centre, training nonexecutive directors and trustees, and promoting African Caribbean

BRIEFINGS

more staff in the past year, and a third intend to do so this quarter.

☐ Worldgate, a new business support centre, has opened on the site of the closed Trentham Colliery, near Stoke-on-Trent, as a partnership involving Staffordshire University, the county's chamber of commerce, Business Link and training and enterprise council and private-sector companies. Backing has come from the EU, local government and NatWest. Worldgate aims to encourage greater use of information technology by businesses.

☐ A project to boost sales by small food and drink producers in western England is being launched by Taste of the West, a trade support group set up by Food from Britain and the National Farmers Union. The West Country Cooking Project will feature A Guide to West Country Cooking, due out in the autumn, which will promote producers and restaurants.

A free booklet on business-tobusiness marketing in Europe is being offered by the PCMC marketing services company, of Reading. Berkshire. The Guide to European Business-to-Business

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☐ Business in the Community and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations have formed a task force to consider how companies, especially small and medium-sized ones, can work with voluntary bodies for mutual benefit. The move is a response to last year's Deakin Commission report, which found potential for better links between business and the volun-

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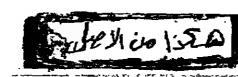
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Grimm, but it's a British triumph

OPERA: Max Loppert acclaims Roderick Watkins's Juniper Tree, premiered at the Munich Biennale

peras drawn from fairy tale are much vogue. In case one had missed the point - and such triumphs in the genre as Judith Weir's Vanishing Bridegroom for Scottish Opera and Blond Eckbert for ENO have been only the tip of the iceberg the purpose of the fifth Munich Biennale seemed to be to

Most valuable of the German new-music institutions, the International Festival for Music Theatre masterminded by Hans Werner Henze (in his final season as artistic director) is not just a forcing ground for operatic talent but a weather-vane of operatic trends. It was, we were assured, pure coincidence that the two commissioned pieces - The Juniper Tree, by the young Englishman Roderick Watkins, and Helle Nächte ("Bright Nights"), by the young German Moritz Eggert - had both been based on fairy tales, the former on Grimm, the latter on Thousand and One Nights. But judging by the reasons given by each composer for his choice of subject, a common aim could be a quest for

renewed simplicity, clarity

and impact. After the extreme complexities that opera at-tempted in the preceding de-cades, it is an aim apparently pursued by many other operacreators of recent times.

This was, however, the only

common factor of the 1997 Biennale operas. In other respects they were chalk and cheese, in achievement most of all. Watkins, a student of Henze's, had made only a single previous foray into music-theatre — a rousing retelling of Jason and the Minotaur, titled Labirinto (1991). But in Munich, in a 70-minute work for 12 London Sinfonietta players and a cast of five. he revealed a real gift for succinct scene-setting and story-telling through music. Eggert's piece, on the other jejune, prolix and undisciplined — cried out for the pruning shears.

The Juniper Tree, one of the nastiest Grimm tales, has inspired operas by Philip Glass and Andrew Toovey as well as Watkins. The reason it attracts composers must lie in the genuine openings it provides for music; at its centre is the song of a magical bird, sung from the juniper tree under which are buried a mother (she died in childbirth)



and the bones of her murdered son (his hate-filled stepmother decapitated him, then served him up as a stew to his father). Birdsong, which makes public the gruesome secret, leads the opera to its climax, in which the stepmother is killed and the boy resurrected.

In Watkins's treatment, ng, preceded by an eloquent shiver of electronic sound, is shared between the performers of Boy and Mother. This lends the denouement a poignancy that justified the composer and Patricia Debney, his librettist (and wife), in their claim that it is the "family dynamics" of the tale which concerned them at least as much as its blood-drenched archetypal simplicities.

Watkins writes singing lines precise in character-definition

n the night of Decem-ber 10, 1938, David

Selznick burnt a vast

replica of Atlanta and decided

who was going to play Harlot Mascara in Gone With the

Wind. No, it would not be

Katharine Hepburn, whom

he ungallantly told: "I can't imagine Rhett Butler chasing

you for ten years". It would not be the chaotic Tallulah

Bankhead, nor Bette Davis,

who rejected the role because she feared Errol Flynn would

be playing opposite her. It would be Vivien Leigh, whom

Selznick first met. her hair

swept back and her eyes

dancing with excitement, as

the city blazed and the cam-

That meeting ends Frankly

Scarlett, but, as Peter Morris

and Phillip George have re-conceived it, it is scarcely as

romantic as it sounds. Leigh is

played by an actor who quaintly calls hiruself Earl Grey. Peter Polycarpou's Selznick has spent much of the day in his underpants.

seducing a nun he has mistak-

en for a Southern girl, and

chasing the gossip columnist

Hedda Hopper, who has a

photo of this encounter. Hep-

burn has been taped, gagged and shoved into bathrooms,

sacks and hoxes. Bankhead

has survived a shooting, got

Hopper high on pot, and ended up in bed with her.

December 10 has become a

I laughed more than my

grimmer-faced colleagues,

but not as much as the King's

Head aficionados. Farce, even

the sort of farce that Morris

describes in the programme

as "fractured fairy tale", needs

more logic than surfaces here.

And if farce gets too hectic and

harum-scarum, it leaves me

feeling the way I did as a child

wild, camp farce.

piece is predominantly slowmoving and leanly built up often a single voice is shadowed by a single woodwind or, in the case of the increasingly

hysterical Stepmother, jangling percusthin or devoid of interest. There are tone in the libretto which Watkins's language consistently makes

in style 7 This latest Juniper Tree opera is in the best sense a

small success, at once unified and "personal" in idiom. Simi-Sinfonietta performance under the remarkable Markus Stenz, and

of David McVicar (producer) and Michael Vale (designer), wonderfully imaginative in its economy of stage space. In the Munich Muffathalle, as in

London's Almeida Theatre, where in June the production will be restaged, that is a prerequisite. But here it al made for an intimacy, a quiet enchantpersonal instrumentalists

and singer-actors. the ever-impressive Robert Poulton, Pe-

Clark, Alison Kettlewell and Louise Mott, and the deeply touching boy soprano David Wigram, took full advantage. By contrast, Helle Nachte rambled on for an unbroken in its fancy (but now horribly over-familiar) postmodern device of employing two actors to narrate and then enter into the framework of four Thousand and One Nights tales. In an "anything goes" production, which laid on its stale jokes and feeble sleights-of-hand with a trowel, any point the piece may have ho vanished. But in any case Eggert's talent seemed too slender to sustain it.

The Jugendstil decoration of the magnificently restored introduction to some promising Munich-based singers were the evening's only consolations. Indeed, of the soprano Simone Schneider, baritone Wolfgang Wirsching and countertenor Charles Maxwell much more will surely be

the staging by the British team and in laconic lyricism; the 110 minutes, insufferably arch

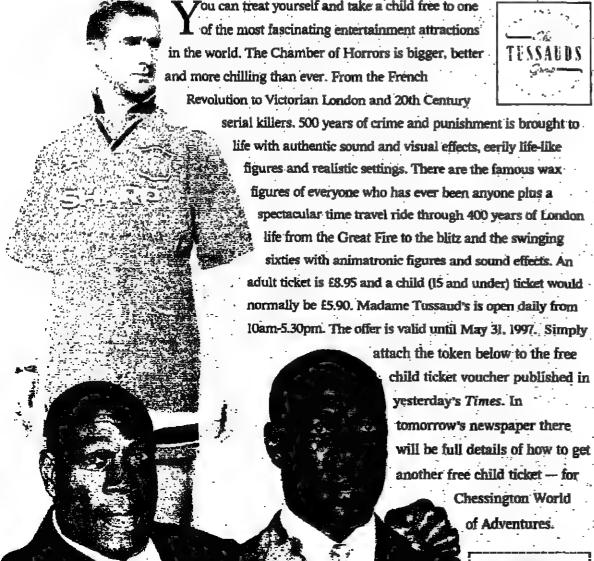
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Gone too far with the wind-up

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tickling my armpits. In other words, Frankly Scarlett is

Still, that is a nice fault and, if you ignore the sometimes coarse script and take a couple of extra drinks at the bar, you may well have fun. Myself, l

ble. who thinks his Butler costume "cissy" but is careful to conceal his dentures before assaying a sexual conquest. did, however, weary of the sequences in which an effeminate costumier gets Gable confused with the gay Southern twin the great actor never knew he had, and ends up

Nicholas Colicos's Clark Ga-

Ballantine's nun started mis-taking Bankhead's furry overcoat for a bear, I began to feel the victim of comic overkill. Phillip George's cast Is al-

ways game, always energetic, but Earl Grey could distinguish better between the actresses he plays. Were you to come to his Bette Davis blind, you might guess from his staccato yelps whom he is parodying but his Hepburn. Bankhead and Leigh belong to Rent-a-Pantomime-Dame inc. If he cut down on the flouncing and worked on the mimicry, it would help the evening a lot.

> BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**

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alternately kissed and

punched. And when Sheila

sionally, a critic finds himself in a small dark room in a deserted arts centre pointing a loaded pistol at a sickly patient. Does he turn the gun around, put it in his own mouth and blow the back of his head off? Or does he vaporise the victim? It's the futility of doing either that makes the critic dispair.

The young-looking cast of Animus Theatre Company sit on a haystack of impressive sounding credits, but you would never guess it from this insipid production of an underpowered, overwritten Lope de Vega comedy. Clearly, not all that glisters in the Spanish

and gives himself a cameo role, also provides the rhymwhile modestly witty, never stretches to an audible laugh. Two sisters in Madrid -

one. Nise (Anneli Harrison),

Golden Age is gold. John Farndon, who directs

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steeped in learning, the other, Finea (Angela Koo), thick as the proverbial two short planks - are contracted to marry partners in which they are not remotely interested. But, for reasons to do with Nise's lack of dowry and Finea's low IQ. Alex Lowe's monkish Liseo and Alexi Kaye Campbell's cad Laurencio secretly agree to swap partners for their mutual self interests. Will the women be won over?

Praised for the modernism previous translations, Farndon obviously felt compelled to extend that to his design. Two video units showing a test card blue sky hang over a perfectly square sandpit that has an awkward ledge. With the performers dressed in black frock coats or diaphathe set was not there, this proves to be an expensive

Hurried exits and entrances lend a fake edge of expectancy to the production. "Let's go" may be the operative stage direction, but every time the plot looks like being wrapped up. De Vega fashions a twist, spinning his tale out like a professional pub bore. The warring Romeos and Juliets get in each others' way: the servants (nicely played by Lucinda Raikes, John Albafiny and Tony Taylor) get the wrong end of the stick

Ultimately Farndon fails to extract the comedy from his translation because he overindulges everything, most fatally his actors. You don't have to be mad for love, you have to be insane to endure this most prosaic of animated poems.

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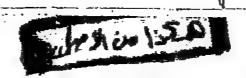
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■ VISUAL ART 1

Christine Borland delves obliquely into the dark history of Nazi science at the Lisson Gallery



VISUAL ART 2

while, at the South London Gallery, Tracey Emin digs . into the traumas of her own life





MUSIC 1

Sir Georg Solti steers the LSO through fine. searching performances of Shostakovich



MUSIC 2

and Maurizio Pollini brings his customary intensity to a Beethoven piano recital

Get some bones, get a life

VISUAL ART: Richard Cork visits shows by two pioneering women,

one macabre, one autobiographical

figure from the darkest Jacobean tragedy. Chris-tine Borland is obsessed with bones. But her approach is more forensic than ghoulish. In the early stages of her most haunting work, she was astounded to discover that it was possible to order a real human skeleton through the post. Having paid £900 and re-ceived her grisly mail-order acquisition, she set about using crime detection methods to discover the identity of the corpse.

Helped by an osteologist, Borland carefully reassembled the bits 6 Borland and pieces. They revealed that the bones confronts were those of an Asian woman who died at the gruesome age of 25 after at least one pregnancy. So for aspects of an eeric yet compassionate exhibition in Glaslife 🤊 ow, where Borland lives and works, she

juxtaposed the bones with a blow-by-blow display of her investigative process. It culminated in a bronze reconstruction by forensic scientists of the dead woman's face - a poignant, posthumous tribute.

Nothing so shocking can be found in Borland's first one-person London exhibition. Throughout the aptly clinical white rooms at the Lisson Gallery, though, the same dedication to a methodical uncovering of the past is detectable. In the most substantial work, L'Homme also another means of reminding Double, six clay heads by different us that our bodies can be bought artists are positioned on plinths. They were commissioned by Borland, who asked each of the sculptors to make a traditional. lifesize portrait of the infamous doctor, Josef Mengele.

Photographs and verbal descriptions of the Nazi war criminal were supplied, but they testify only to his maddening clusiveness. No wonder that the sculptors, confronted by such an enigma, have produced heads notable for their grey, academic sobriety. Although Borland told them that the information she supplied "can be interpreted as freely as you wish", the main differences between them centre on the presence or absence of a moustache and a tie. The macabre and repulsive nature of Mengele's atrocities is wholly at odds with the conventional decency of the faces

All the same, there is no doubting Borland's readiness to confront and explore even the most gruesome aspects of life. The emotional

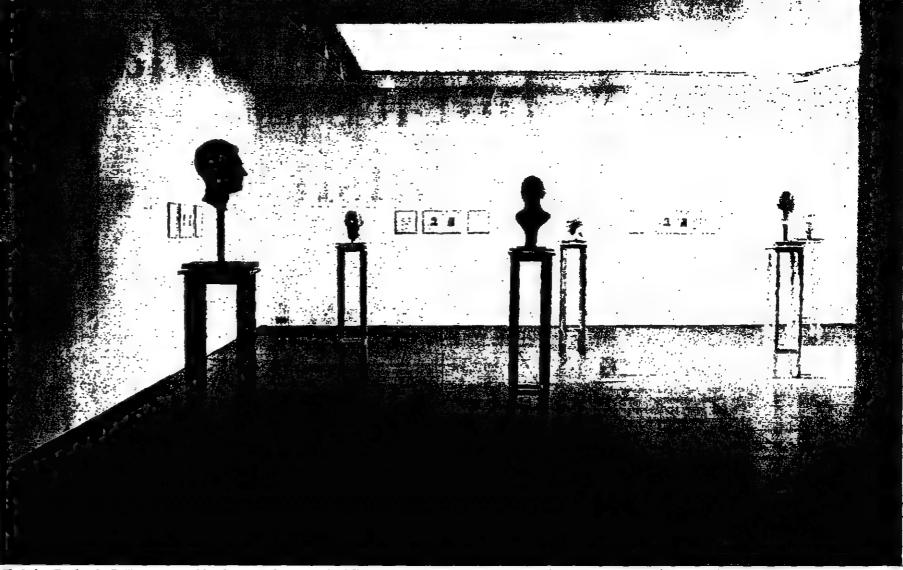
ike the reincarnation of a commitment behind her seeming coolness erupts in the small room next to L'Homme Double, where two battered chairs carry photocopies of The Creature's Mono-logue from Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. We are invited to sit down and read them, and on their covers Borland has printed an impassioned quotation from Paradise Lost: "Did I request thee, Maker, From my clay To mould me man? Did I solicit thee From darkness to promote me?"

Wandering through the rest of the show, we come across fragmented manifestations of Borland's intense, governing concerns. Some might easily be overlooked — like the replica of a .38 Government Colt Automatic visible, as a blurred form in a bluestriped plastic bag, at the bottom of the shadowy basement stairs. Borland prefers under-

statement to the rhetoric of Milton or Shelley, and the first-floor gallery yields its contents slowly. The room is in darkness. Here, embedded in the concrete floor, are a dozen brilliant-cut diamonds.

They look randomly scattered at first, but then spectral suggestions of a human form become apparent around them. It seems on the verge of disappearing. But the diamonds turn out to pinpoint its anatomy with surprising precision. They are and sold like jewels or any other commodity on the market

Borland's awareness of cornoreal fragility is conveyed most clearly in Bison-Bison, a work that takes as its springboard an experiment described in Gray's Anatomy. On



Christine Borland's L'Homme Double: she commissioned six different artists to create a clay head of Nazi criminal Josef Mengele from the same basic information

the long central table, the animal's astonishingly elongated vertebrae extend from one end to the other. It is an awesome spectacle, but Borland has extracted the bones' organic compounds. As a result, they become as light as paper and look ready to crumble at a touch. Towards the far end they have already turned into blue-tinged powder, whereas the bison ribs on the other two tables are orange and surprisingly supple. Their mineral compounds have been removed, leaving them so soft that the artist was able to twist some of the ribs into knots - an unexpectedly playful gesture that highlights the

of mortality. Tracey Emin, another of the young women who play such a prominent role in the new British art, shares Borland's feeling for vulnerability. But everything in her show at the South London Gallery is focused unabashedly on Emin's

wry, dry humour underlying an

exhibition riddled with intimations

own life. Furniture, drawings, photographs, paintings, written texts, found objects and videos are all candidly employed by an artist who calls her exhibition I Need Art Like I Need God.

Everything on view here is presented as part of Emin's salvation, her way of exorcising the traumas of the past. On one of the brazenly revealing videos, her mother admits that she thought the adolescent Tracey "would have

gone to the dogs if you hadn't gone to art school". Emin talks frankly on video about the time she was raped. and concludes that "for me my childhood was over". She describes her moments of depression and attempted suicide, how schoolkids taunted her with racist abuse. and the anger she still feels about her abortion.

Nothing, it seems, is excluded from this startling and raw selfexposure. In another artist's hands, the outcome could easily degenerate into an intolerable form of narcissism. Against all the odds. though, this show does not feel selfindulgent. For one thing, Emin never makes the mistake of raising herself above criticism. Her feelings of guilt and envy are freely exposed in a white partitioned room at the centre of the gallery, where she recreates an installation produced in Stockholm last year. The discarded paintings inside, including blue body-imprints uncomfortably close to Yves Klein's work, are often inscribed with messages and exhortations, directed either at friends or herself.

command boldly telling Emin "Not To Be Afraid. Most Of My Life Has Been Built On Fear,"

Judging by the uninhibited mood of the exhibition as a whole, Emin succeeds in obeying this injunction. Her often searing book of memoirs has been published under the headlong title Exploration of the Soul, and a panoramic colour photograph shows her clutching it in Monument Valley during an epic trip across America.

There is no sugges tion, at any stage in this **6** Nothing labyrinthine voyage through Emin's history, that she has reached a is excluded plateau of serenity. Bitterness frequently ex-plodes, above all in Irom ner some accusatory prints raw selfscrawled with outbursts like "You. Were Not exposure 7 Men You Were Less Than Human". On

> writing becomes as direct and raw as the graffiti she admits to scrawling on the sea wall at Margate. In another mood, however, she is capable of drawing small, tender images of birds.

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Her command of line is impressive, especially in some spidery nudes and street scenes reminis cent of German and Austrian Expressionism. But Emin's work is so dartingly various that it cannot be categorised with ease. Binding all these offerings together is a confessional urge, and Emin shows no sign of exhaustion in her compulsive, versatile attempt to turn the messiness of life into art.

Christine Borland at the Lisson Gallery (0171-724 2739) until May 10: Tracey Emin at South London Gallery (0171-703 6130) until May 18

AROUND THE GALLERIES

☐ DAVID HISCOCK is certainly not the only painter who has photographs (or vice versa), but he is unique in the quality of his thought about the relationship between the two activities. Although he began with works which combined photography and painting, recently he seems determined to let his media develop separately, and yet all that he does brings them closer and closer together. Strokes, his new show at Purdy/Hicks, is in two parts, "Landscapes", which are fundamentally photographs, and 'Innerscapes", which are fundamentally paintings. The two seem to have started at opposite ends and gradually met in the middle through the unifying force of Hiscock's own powerful vision. Hiscock is a true original, and his art exerts the same haunting power whatever medium he chooses to work in. Purdy/Hicks, 65 Hopton Street,

Bankside, SE1 (017)-401 9229). Tues-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-2pm, until May 17. □ REMEMBER those freshly coloured prints of clipper ships under full sail in Uncle Fred's hallway? Like as not they were

taken from paintings by Monta-gue Dawson (1895-1973). It is the sort of art which tends to bypass critics completely, while going straight to the heart of those with romantic fantasies about the flung spray and the blown spume and the seabirds crying.

sailor who could be trusted to get his facts right in the most minutely documentary work, such as he did in the Second World War for Sphere magazine; he was a keen historical researcher as well. Frost & Reed's retrospective is a timely reminder of an artist working with dash and flair. Frost & Reed, 24 King Street St James's, SWI (0171-839 4645)

Mon-Fri 9am-5_30pm, until May 23. MARO GORKY is so well-

connected that it is amazing she is the fine, free-spirited artist that she is. She is the daughter of Arshile Gorky, leading (if eccentric) New York Abstract Expressionist. And she is married to Stephen Spender's artist son. Matthew. But Gorky goes firmly in her own direction, ignoring the world around her. Not totally ignoring her physical environment, however, since though she is becoming increasingly abstract, she is still fundamentally a landscape artist. Her most recent work at Long and Ryle continues at once to simplify and elaborate on the natural scene. And the vibrant colour harmonies are all her own. Long and Ryle, 4 John Islip Street, SWI (0171-834 1434) Tues-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 2-5pm. until May 17. 🔹

> JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

CONCERTS: Double dose of Beethoven on the South Bank; centenary celebrations in Sussex; and Solti sheds light on a Shostakovich symphony

Perhaps the most germane is the

Played at heroic length

Beethoven loomed large at the Festival Hall over the weekend. Seiji Ozawa and the Saito Kinen Orchestra devoted half their programme on Saturday to him, and the evening before Maurizio Pollini returned for the fifth recital in his sevenpart cycle of the composer's 32 piano sonatas.

By chance it was not just "any" Beethoven: everything we heard was written within a concentrated six-year period at the beginning of the 19th century. Unlike many pianists, Pollini is tackling the sonatas in chronological order, and he played the five sonatas Op 54 to Op 81a, which date from between 1804 and 1809, the time of the Napoleonic Wars and two humiliating French occupations of Vienna. The Eroica Symphony was written in 1803 and dedicated to Napoleon, but the following year an enraged Beethoven famously tore out the title page when Bonaparte proclaimed himself

out any

Emperor. This was the time of Beethoven's "heroic phase", when his music began to break new, uncompromising ground, and in stimulating performances Pollini emphasised the revolutionary aspects of these works. Sometimes recently this modern giant of the keyboard, renowned for both the techniMaurizio Pollini Saito Kinen Festival Hall

cal brilliance and intellectual stature of his playing, has appeared to have "gone respectable" with "safe" performances: not here, where the outwardly conventional sequence of three movements in the Appassionata concealed raging turmoil. After an intense, inward-looking opening. Pollini played up the insistent knocking of fate, and followed it with a lament that was swept away by the swirling finale.

În Op 81a, Les Adieux, Pollini gave another newly exciting interpretation of very familiar music. He was just as satisfying in the less frequently played Op 54 in F, where he made light of the second movement's perpetuum mobile, and he caught the capricious freedom that dominates Op 78 in F sharp. But he was most interesting in the "little" sonatina-like Op 79 in G: he rushed headlong into a very fast Presto opening, and revelled in the humour of the finale. The simple Italianate lyricism he brought to the Andante made this unsophisticated movement one of the

evening's highlights,

were exactly what Ozawa's performance of the Eroica lacked. Indeed, the only revolutionary aspect of the music he drew attention to was its length: at the time of its composition. Beethoven's Third was by far the longest symphony ever written. Otherwise this was a heavy and old-fashioned account, without the spiritual dimension great conductors of the past have brought. Some wayward winds apart, though, this disciplined performance had great unanimity of attack, and the weighty sound suited the dark funeral march of the

Uninhibited scenes from a painful life: Taci Min by Tracey Emin

second movement well. Undoubtedly, the special dory of the remarkable Saito Kinen Orchestra — its mostly Japanese players are either members of major Western orchestras or internationally established soloists - is its strings, and they got an opportunity to shine in the string orchestra version of Schoenberg's Verklärte Nacht. Their carefully moulded sound underlined the work's lyricism. though never at the expense of its haunted expressionism. Ozawa was at his best here, in a taut performance which also showed just how close Schoenberg was to the spirit of

Old pals' music act | He's got rhythm

fore in Sunday's gala for EMI's hundredth birthday this year. Glyndebourne was the appropriate choice for the first of three centenary concerts -- two nonoperatic evenings follow later. EMI came to record the prewar Mozart performances in Sussex and the links have remained ever since. And there on stage as master of ceremonies for the high-priced occasion - top tickets £750 was Nicolai Gedda, first signed for EMI by Walter

Legge 46 years ago. Gedda ruefully remarked that he was making his house debut, but many of the other singers on parade were old Glyndebourne hands. Some, like Alison Hagley, who gave ethereal tone to Nannetta's aria from Falstaff, had come up through the Pestival chorus. Others, including Thomas Hampson, had made their reputations long before reaching the Festival Opera. Hampson also chose Falstaff and sent the sparks whizzing through the house with Ford's Vengeance aria. Hampson has the art of coming on cold and grabbing the audience

Before taking over his MC function Gedda launched into Danilo's entrance aria from JOHN ALLISON | The Merry Widow, proof that

vithin seconds.

EMI Centenary Gala Glyndebourne

at 72 he can still get his larynx around Lehar. Plenty more operetta was to come, reminder of a dedication to this section of the repertoire, which was started by Legge and echoed by EMI's French arm. Felicity Lott chose Messager, all saucy fiirtatiousness as a lady from Le Bal Masqué who revels in having two lovers on the go. Nathalie French coloratura recently

Dessay, a dashing young signed by EMI, then made it plain that if the English knew all about boulevard operetta, she was an ace at American musicals. She mocked and dazzled in Glitter and be gay from Candide, showing the same Hampson ability to mesmerise the house without ado. Barbara Hendricks was less successful in Lehar's Ginditta_ And so to opera proper.

Amanda Roocroft revealed a new and sensuous weight to her soprano in Dvořák's Rusalka. Gedda said that it gave him pleasure to introduce not one but three tenors adding mischievously "three young tenors, not old ones". Ian Bostridge gave delicate tone to Tamino's aria



Gheorghiu and Alagna

from Die Zauberflöte. And finally came Roberto Alagna. He has just sung his first Werther in Toulouse and chose Pourquoi me réveiller, the voice taking a few bars to clear before Massenet's emotional melancholy was given full flood. He was joined by Angela Gheorghiu for the close of Act III of Manon.

Andrew Davis and Franz Welser-Möst, both in top form, shared control of the LPO. Then the audience went off for dinner while the finishing touches were put to the CD

And still we want to know what it all means. Shostakovich's symphonies continue to draw out brow-furrowing speculation in programme note and commentary, and nowhere more so than in the Fifteenth and last. Here are references to Wagner, to his own Seventh. Eighth and Eleventh Symphonies — then, just as you were enjoying one of those teasing little danses macabres, a blast of William Tell bursts out from the brass. Sir Georg Solti's lacerating

rhythmic precision, and the momentum with which he drove Shostakovich's sequence of events and allusions, created a compelling onger view of the work. One left remembering the power of

the whole. The assurance with which he built towards the climax of the second movement, through a progression of fine solos from the London Symphony Orchestra's principals, was an important part of the process. And the tense, unquiet undertones which he maintained throughout the murmuring and pulsings of the final Adagio already scented out the total abstraction of the symphony's ending, where

mains. As for all those worrying JOHN HIGGINS | quotations ... the Lithuanian

nothing but reverberation re-

LSO/Solti Barbican

poet-in-exile. Czeslaw Milosz once wrote that, in order to live in a totalitarian regime, one must be either a schizophrenic or an actor. These, surely, are Shostakovich's last masks: the early memories of Rossini, whirling into big-top bravado in the prancing circus of life: the necessary ambiguities of pomp and circumstance; the brief but ubiquitous assertion of identity in the little DSCH signature tune, here as dark and numb as it ever appears.

In Charlotte Hellekant's performance, earlier in the evening, of a selection of songs from Mahler's Des Knaben Wunderhorn, there could be little debate as to meaning. The Swedish mezzo-soprano gave a vividly projected performance, her idiosyncratically accented German lilting with the movement of her body in a folksy Rheinlegendchen and an almost caricatured Sermon to the Fishes. It was difficult for Hellekant to find either the vocal or spiritual stillness necessary for the visionary Urlicht, and she seemed only truly at ease again in the earthy little fable of the cuckoo and nightingale.

HILARY FINCH

CHOICE I

Felicity Kendal stars in a new translation by Tom Stoppard of The Seagull

VENUE: Now previewing at the Old Vic



■ CHOICE 2

Mood indigo: a birthday tribute to the jazz great, **Duke Ellington**

VENUE: Tonight in the Purcell Room

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A daily guide to arts compiled by Marit Hargie

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upmanship. Wycombe Swan, St Mary Street (01494 512000) Tonight-Sat, 7,30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm. comedy by Peter Nichols, set in the 1960s in alarmingly dangerous

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Johnny Cash, the roughcut king of country. shows his new versatility at the Albert Hall

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POP: Johnny Cash plays old and new; Mansun's showcase of hits; Marta Sebestyén is on song

Family day in the country

hree years ago, the career of country music legend Johnny Cash took an unexpected turn. He teamed up with the hip metal and rap producer Rick Rubin and released the innovative American Recordings album, and also made a significant appearance at the 1994 Glastonbury Festival.

The Rubin partnership has continued with his latest alburn. Unchained, which again features songs by young musicians such as Beck, but, this time, Cash was back on the more familiar London ground

of the Albert Hall. The band appeared first, playing an instrumental ver-sion of I Walk the Line until half the auditorium was clapping along to it. Eventually, a ione spotlight heralded the appearance of Cash, dressed, as ever, entirely in black. His five-piece band featured his son John Carter Cash on guitar and drummer W.S. Holland, the man who played on the original version of Carl Perkins's Blue Suede Shoes, plus piano, stand-up double bass and additional guitar.

The early part of the two-hour set included old favourites such as Ring of Fire, but when Cash invited his former son-in-law Nick Lowe on stage and then let John Carter Cash take over for several songs, it was clear that this was primarily a family

pleted by June Carter Cash, who performed Jackson as a duct with her husband, before singing a medley of songs which she had learnt from her own famous country family. the Carters, including Wa-bash Cannonball and Will the Circle be Unbroken? Cash returned to the stage for the highlight of the evening

Johnny Cash Albert Hall

a brilliant stretch of Kris Kristofferson's Sunday Morning Coming Down, then Tom Petty's Southern Accents and. best of all, Rusty Cage, which Chris Cornell wrote for his band Soundgarden - a grunge quartet from Seattle but which sounded as if it had

been writter just for Cash. Unlike, ay, Pat Boone, another 19: is icon, who recently recorded an album of heavy meta: songs, Cash does what he does quite naturally. wrapping hat great voice around the ld songs, but also embracing new styles and interpreting them in his own

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At 65, Johnny Cash inspires, and is inspired by, a new generation of songwriters

Too clever for words

Mansun Kilburn National

MANSUN are not the sort of band to hang about. Since signing their record contract last year, they have scored a No l album, Attack of the Grey Lantern, and five hit singles, apparently without breaking sweat (their sixth, Taxloss, was released yesterday).

assured affair. Although in their early twenties, the four musicians from Chester were steeped in the stagecraft of an earlier generation. Lead guitarist Dominic Chad and bass player Stove struck heroic rock n'roll poses reminiscent of their opposite numbers in The Clash, but toned down enough to play their parts with considerably greater accuracy, Singer and songwriter Paul Draper looked and sounded like a Damon Albarn understudy: cheekbones as angular as his vowels, lyrics and body language filtered through a truculent, smarter-than-thou attitude.

them to draw on and favourites including Stripper Vicar and Mansun's Only Love Song soon had the crowd bouncing enthusiastically on the spot. But as the band worked their way through a well-paced, tightly organised set, nagging doubts crept to the surface. The stage was lit with exceptional skill, but their performance suffered from an amateur sound mix, the oppressively distorted boom of Andie Rathbone's double-bass drum overwhelming all other instruments, including the rest of the drum-And for all the catchy appeal of

There was no shortage of hits for

numbers such as Egg Shaped Fred and their best song, Wide Open Space, ence and true emotional authority of contemporaries such as Radiohead and Longpigs, bands who do this sort of angst-rock thing for real.

Yo could not fault Mansun for the performance, per se. But as they ended with a version of She Makes My Nose Bleed, climaxing with an onslaught of feedback and percussion effects, it seemed as if, rather like their irritatingly knowing song titles, what they had done best was to show us just how clever they are.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Nectar in small doses

Marta Sebestyén Barbican

ANYONE who bought a ticket to see Marta Sebestyen on the strength of her haunting voice on the soundtrack of The English Patient would have been left wanting more from this one-off London appearance. Sebestyen has one of the world's truly great voices but it all too sparingly, sharing the spotlight with her band Muzsikas and disappearing from the stage for long periods.

The band gave an almost workshopstyle performance, showcasing the rich and varied Hungarian folk tradition. With two fiddles, a viola and a double bass they performed a range of tunes drawing on the Ottoman, Hapsburg, Jewish and gypsy influences which have all contributed to the middle-European musical melting-pot.

They brought with them two costurned dancers and Toni Arpad, an ancient gypsy cimbalom player and

one of the few who remembers the lost Jewish music of Transylvania - lost because almost everyone who played it. failed to survive the Holocaust. It was a fascinating lesson in musical history with its moments of passion, particularly in a wild gypsy tune for violin and gardon, a Hungarian instrument looking like a cello but on which the strings are hit for percussive effect.

Yet during her lengthy absences from the stage, one could not help but long for Sebestyen's return. On last year's Kismet album she proved her versatility with songs from as far apart as Russia, India, Ireland and Greece. Here she restricted herself to the Hungarian tradition, but her control and emotional depth were still powerfully evident. Best of all - and no reflection upon the skill of Muzsikas were the unaccompanied numbers. Sebestvén's voice has so many cadences, you sometimes feel that other instruments merely clutter the beauty of a unique sound. She finished of course, with Szerelem Szerelem, the impossibly romantic tune that Ralph Figures plays on the gramophone in the movie while wooing Kristin Scott Thomas, Even in the local cinema, the sound is awesome. To hear Sebestvén sing it live is unforgettable.

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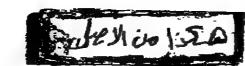
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hild prostitutes. some as young as 12, can be seen regularly on the streets of our cities. Recent reports by social workers and police officers, information presented at the Children's Society's national conference last month and the publication of an invaluable book Child Prostitution in Britain (edited by David Bar-rett, published by the Children's Society) have made the plight of these children known to many more people.

Though the facts have produced expressions of outrage and sympathy, not much progress has been made in providing effective remedies. In particular, the application of the laws covering this area is flawed. The civil law con-tained in the Children Act 1989 is significantly underused and the criminal law is being wrongly targeted at the children, rather than at those who are exploiting them.

Child prostitution may be defined as the provision of sexual services by those under is in exchange for some form of payment, such as money, drugs, other consumer goods or even a bed for a night.

information as to the prevalence of child prostitution in Britain is fragmentary. National data is unavailable, as is a national picture. A former president of the Association of Directors of Social Services has suggested that charities are exaggerating child prostitution in order to attract funds.

in a letter to The Times (March 8) Barry Sheerman, MP, challenged this view, based on information he had gathered from the police, university researchers and social workers. He called for a proper evaluation, speedily followed by steps to protect children from this particularly un-

We know that between 1989 and 1995, 2,380 cautions were issued and 1,730 convictions were secured in regard to those under 18 in England and Wales for offences relating to prostitution. It is probable that at least hundreds of children in Britain are involved in

Who are these children? A Council of Europe report in 1993 referred to emotionally damaged youngsters from broken homes, runaways, drug users and street children. Studies in Britain point to young runaways from their own homes and from placements in care. The Children's Society's 1994 study found that most ran away before the age of 16 and that one in seven of

Saville for

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ONE OF the first tasks for an incoming Lord Chancellor

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Society has managed to scoop

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with other professions. All the

after-dinner speakers - and

most guests - were women, including Baroness Symons.

former general secretary of

the First Division Association.

Mary Spillane, the US image

consultant and Anne Fuller,

Women's scoop

favour a change.

possibly Lord Justice Rose.



these young people had pro-vided sex for money. Those involved preferred to refer to the experience as a "survival strategy" rather than

Keith Hellaweil, the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, recently reterred to neroth addicts as young as 12 turning to prostitution. Half of all prostitutes are now thought to be drug addicts and the average age of prostitutes was

falling to about 17. There is increasing evidence to link childhood sexual abuse with prostitution. David Barrett of Luton University, a leading academic, says that "a perpetrator within a family may cause the young person to flee the family home to be exploited by other perpetrators (although even some parents 'work' their

children as prostitutes)".

The law has an important role to play in this area. Internationally. Article 34 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified by the UK and more than 180 other

who chairs the Magistrates'

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Nelson's, the society's first

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countries, places the responsibility on the individual country to protect children from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. This includes child prostitution and the exploitative use of children in pornographic performances

In 1995 the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva recommended that the Government should address the issue of sexual exploitation of children here as a matter of

Domestically, a vital role falls on local authorities. The Children Act 1989 provides them with sufficient powers to be able to try to deal with the plight of the child victims. The authorities have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are in need by providing an appropriate range and level of services. They must take reasonable steps to prevent children within their area

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investigate whether they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child who is in their area is suffering or is likely to suffer

- They can, for instance, take care proceedings, including armoury is, unfortunately. being underused by many local authorities. They do not appear to be helping children in any effective way.

The problems with the cri-

minal law are different. The provisions have been enacted piecemeal with no overall strategy or co-ordination. Even where effective, they are being used against the children rather than against those who exploit and abuse them.

There are signs that some police forces now recognise that treating children as victims and not criminals is more likely to divert them from prostitution. There is now strong evidence that the policy should be one of prevention and that protection proce-

form part of Labour's law team if the party wins on

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• The author is a specialist in

Europe the key to new labour laws

uring the past 18 years, employment lawyers have never had it so good. Employment departments in law firms thrive, membership of associations such as the Industrial Law Society and Employment Lawyers' Association is on the increase, and there is no end to conferences and seminars on aspects of employment law.

This is a curious state of affairs. Apart from controls on the unions, where the Conservatives have legislated freely and dramatically. successive administrations since 1979 have been committed to the deregulation of employment law.

Although there have been some successes, such as the abolition of wages councils in the Wages Act of 1986, the goal of deregulation has largely been thwarted by the need to implement European labour law standards, The so-called opt-out from the Maastricht

treaty has not substantially affected this, because the bulk of legislative activity in the field of European labour law has concerned directives subscribed to long before Muastricht, often as a result of European Court of Justice rulings, such as the Acquired Rights Directive, Redundan-

cies Directive and Equal

Treatment Directive. What new employment law can we expect after May 1? At first glance, both Conservative and Labour manifestos lack detail, although Labour has published a separate business manifesto.

circumstances.

The Conservative manifesto leads with a proposal to curtail strikes in essential services. JOHN McMULLEN would be introduced to remove legal immunity from industrial action which has a disproportionate or excessive effect. Members of the public and employers would be able to take legal action in these

Also, strike action would have to be approved by a majority of members eligible to vote (not just those voting) and ballots would have to be repeated at regular intervals if negotiations were extended. No change of philosophy here.

Of no surprise either is the pledge to continue to give the EU's Social Action programme a wide berth.

Finally, there is a pledge to negotiate exemption from the Working Time Directive. This last promise, the employment law equivalent of a call for a "beef war", is, in all likelihood, unachievable, notwithstanding the UK's threat of non-cooperation at the inter-governmental conference in Amsterdam in June. Some cynics have observed that fighting a law that guarantees a minimum holiday of four weeks per annum and hours without an employee's consent is Redundancy: The Law and Practice.

unlikely to be the most vote-catching of Tory

Labour's manifesto is equally brief. Gone are proposals such as part-time workers' rights age discrimination; the review of the unfair dismissal qualifying period; the re-view of the unfair dismissal compensation cap of £11,300 and the end of abuse of zero

hours and self-employment status contracts. But will these detailed issues surface as concrete policy if Labour wins the election? Apart from the minimum wage and the commitment to training and reducing unemployment, the main manifesto also includes the right of employees to have their trade union recognised if a majority in the workplace vote for recognition - the most eye-catching of Labour's recent "business"

proposals. The party has pledged, in the main, not to return to pre-1979 collective labour laws, and not to restore full immunity for industrial

action. But the return to compulsory recognition of trade unions is clearly old wine in a new bottle.

There is aiready anecdotal evidence of employer concern. But another view holds that compulsory recognition of trade unions may have less of an impact in the 1990s than in

For the purposes of transfer of undertakings, collective re-dundancies and the duty to consult the workforce on health and safety issues and the appointment of safety representatives, European law has meant that where an employer does not

consultation obligations must be discharged in favour of elected employee representatives (or, in health and safety, employees direct). Since March last year, non-unionised workplaces have been drawn into areas that

recognise a trade union, information and

previously only involved them if they recognised trade unions, so the impact of recognition may be less dramatic. Labour's manifesto for business adds one more item on the collective front. This is

protection against unfair dismissal for all employees sacked while lawfully on strike an advance on the present law where only those selectively dismissed may claim. Whatever the complexion of the next overnment, there is a substantial corpus of European labour law already binding in the UK. Its continued appraisal and re-interpre-

any party's domestic legislative agenda. ● Dr McMullen is National Head of Employment Law at Pinsers Curtis and Professor of Labour Law at the University of Leeds. He has just published

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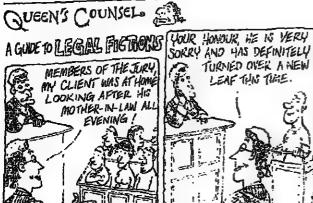
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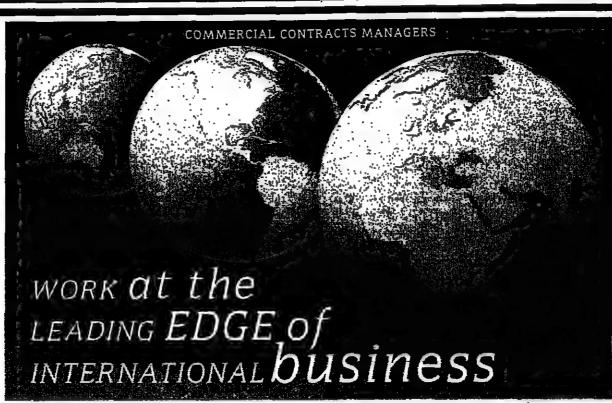
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Bogus 'official' party candidates should not be entitled to deceive the voters, says David Engel

An end to this literal democracy

he joke candidate has a long and not entirely dishonourable tradition in British politics. Similarly, there is a well trodden path followed by politicians who fall out with their local constituency association. They usually stand as, say. an "Independent Conservative" or "Independent Labour".

This general election has, however, thrown up a different species, potentially far more damaging to the democratic process, Nominations closed on April lo. In several constituencies, candidates lodged nomination papers describing themselves in terms which, to a greater or lesser extent, misrepresented that they were the official candidate adopted and approved by one of the main political parties.

The impetus for this trend appears to have been the High Court decision in the Literal Democrat case in 1994. A Richard Huggett who stood in the last European Parliament elections described himself as the "Literal Democrat" candidate. Because names on a hallot paper are always in alphabetical order. Mr Huggen's name appeared before that of the official Liberal Democrat candidate. In the event Mr Huggett polled more than 10.000 votes. The genuine Liberal Democrat candidate was beaten by the Conservative candidate by less

After the election, the High Court decided that the fact that some voters might by confused by a candidate's chosen words of description did not amount to a breach of the Parliamentary Election Rules in the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Mr Justice Dyson held that it was clear "the rules did not prohibit candidates, whether out of spite or a wicked sense of fun. from describing themselves in a confusing way or indulging in spoiling tactics."

The decision appears to have given the green light to a number of candidates to exploit the present state of the law. On April 16 Sir Nicholas Walter Lyell, QC, the Attorney-General, sought an injunction to prevent a candidate standing against him as "Sir Nicholas Walter Lyell". This candidate

also described himself as "The Conservative Parry Candidate", as did the genuine Sir Nicholas Lyell.

The Attorney-General was successful. The court accepted that to adopt the same name as well as the same description as the official Conservative Party candidate was a "fraudulent design or contrivance" likely to "impede or prevent the free exercise of the franchise" contrary to Section 115(2)(b) of the Representation of the People Act. This is the first time that a private law injunction has been granted to

The Attorney-General's success prompted further applications to the High Court the next day. The charge was led by Robert Guy, the official Conservative candidate for

one candidate against another

under Section 115(2).



Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, Attorney-General: the real one

Hove, who sought an injunction against a candidate describing himself as the "Official Hove Conservative Party Candidate". Mr Guy's nomination papers describe him as the "Official Conservative Party Candidate*.

Sir Derek Spencer, the official Conservative candidate in the adjoining Brighton constituency. made an application in relation to the aforementioned Mr Huggett who sought to describe himself in Brighton as the "Official Conservative Party Candidate".

Mr Huggett is also standing in Winchester. But there he describes himself as the "Liberal Democrat Top Choice for Parliament" candidate. Unsurprisingly, the Lib Dems took exception. Labour complained about Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith's son who was standing in Hammersmith & Fulham under the slightly unexpected banner of "New Lab-

What emerged from this rash of applications was that the court would be reluctant to order any candidate to change the description used. Mr Huggett was ordered to drop the use of the word "official" in Brighton, but where the applicant was unable to show clear evidence of deception, the court was unwilling to intervene. Equally, it would not intervene when the applicant was too late because the statement of persons nominated and or the ballot papers had been printed. The Labour Party was unsuccessful for that reason in

Hammersmith & Fulham. A number of applicants were also hit in the pocket. Even where they were partially successful, they were ordered to pay the legal costs of Defendant Returning Officers (where the Returning Officer asked for them). But the main significance of last week's proceedings is that the court decided it did have jurisdiction to grant an injunction against a bogus "official" candidate where it was convinced that the candidate in question was using a "fraudulent device or contrivance" likely to deceive voters.

That is a novel development which in theory makes it easier for such candidates to be challenged, provided this is done before nominations are published and ballot papers printed.

The courts, however, lay down a strict timetable for delivery of papers, making it difficult in practice for a party candidate to know that he or she faces a bogus candidate in time to launch legal proceedings before logistics make it impossible for the court to inter-

An unsuccessful candidate can complain, in an election petition, to the court after the election. This may cure but cannot prevent electoral wrongdoing. The other difficulty is that an election petition can be brought only against the successful candidate, who is unlikely to be the fraudulent candidate. even if the latter has attracted



Joke: Lisa Lovebucket, standing for Hackney North & Stoke Newington

enough votes to have a material effect on the election outcome. Despite recent events, the law still appears to allow candidates to describe themselves on their naminations and ballot papers in such a way as to deceive voters into voting for them in the mistaken belief they are official party candidates.

But the problem with the current rules is that they are aimed rightly - at protecting the impartiality of the Returning Officer, who is responsible for accepting or rejecting nomination papers. He or she has little discretion to reject nomination papers, so long as the candidate is correctly identified by name and address. Clearly, the officer should not be put in a position

making a party political decision. But there should be stricter rules as to when a candidate may represent himself as the candidate approved and adopted by the political party in question. The logistical timetable could also be amended to give time for an application to the court before nominations are pub-

At present, courts are still largely tied by the state of the law. Mischievous candidates, or those whose aim is to deceive voters, can cause serious confusion sufficient to cause a miscarriage of democracy. This should be sorted out before the next election.

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Clamp down on highwaymen

Leonard Jason-Lloyd looks at

the laws covering people whose

vehicles have been wheel-clamped

The Granada Television programme World in Action recently highlighted concerns regarding the exploits of private wheel-clampers and portrayed some of them as modernday highwaymen.

It is often asserted that under English law little, if anything, can be done by a person in charge of a vehicle immobilised in this way. This immediately leads to calls for yet another law to be passed to remedy the plight of people caught in this predicament.

But does the reme dy already exist? I believe that it does, especially in some of the circumstances disclosed by the World in Action

team. First, there is the offence of blackmail under Section 21 of the Theft Act 1968 which, in this context, involves an unwarranted demand for money with menaces. Clearly, there is a demand for money accompanied by the threat that the vehicle will remain clamped unless that sum is paid and that a greater amount will accrue if the vehicle is

towed away. The only problem appears to be whether the courts would regard the threat as being justifiable.

In my view, when a private contractor wheel-clamps a vehicle that has been parked for only a few minutes and demands an exorbitant fee, it could be construed as being an unwarranted demand. This seems to be especially so in situations in which "no parking" or other warning signs are either non-existent or inadequate.

An alternative could be a prose cution under S.40 of the Administration of Justice Act 1970 which is the offence of unlawful harassment of debtors. Under \$.40 it will be an offence where a debt is due, but the person claiming it under a contract harasses the debtor by using methods calculated to cause him or her alarm, distress or humiliation. It may also be committed by falsely claiming that criminal proceedings can be taken for non-payment or if the defen-dant falsely represents that he or she is authorised to enforce payment in some official capacity or presents a document which gives the false impression that it is of an official nature.

The maximum sentence on conviction for blackmail is 14 years' imprisonment. It is also an

arrestable offence which means broadly that the police may arrest a person caught committing blackmail in this fashion or a person who has committed or is about to commit this offence. It also means that with the exception of the latter power and some further restrictions, ordinary citizens may fence, although such action could be precarious and might better be left for the police to deal with. In contrast, unlawful harassment of debtors is triable summarily only and punishable by a max-

imum Level 5 fine (at present £5,000). Also, it is not an arrestable offence so any action taken by the police will have to be by way of a summons unless they grounds to arrest under \$.25 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (general arrest conditions

such as failure to provide satisfac-

tory particulars). What would be the reaction of extortionate wheel-clampers if motorists affected by their exploits sought the help of the police, who in turn had to take action either under the law on blackmail or unlawful harassment of debtors?

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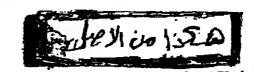
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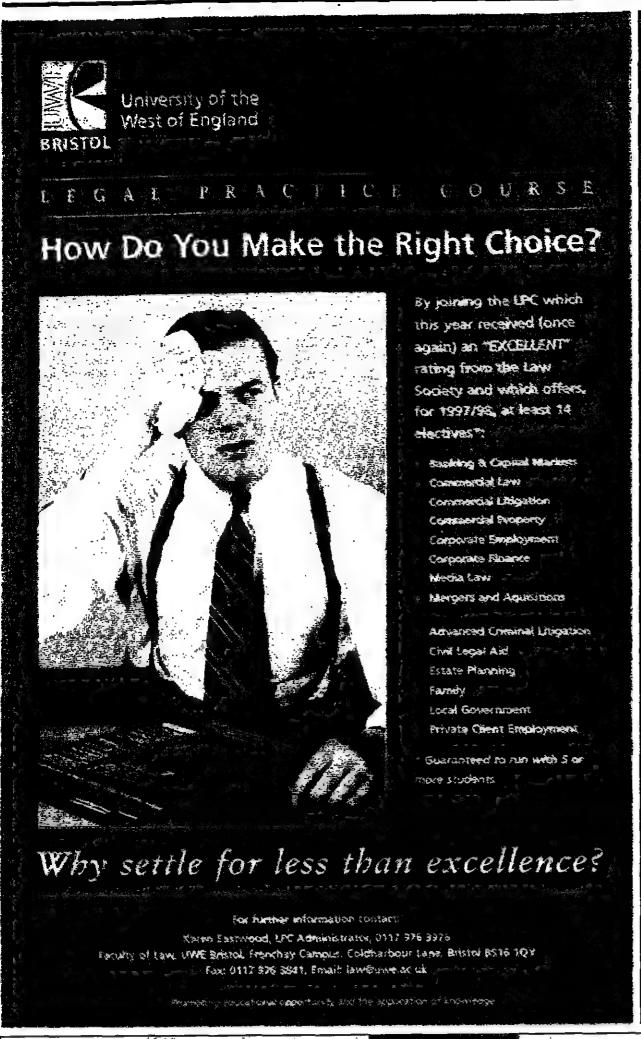


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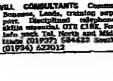
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Electoral support is relevant

Regina v British Broadcasting Corporation and Another, Ex parte Referen-

Before Lord Justice Auld and Mr Justice Popplewell [Reasons April 24]

It was not irrational for a broadcaster to include previous electoral support in its general criteria for allocating party election broadcasts to political parties.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when giving re-served reasons for having dismissed on April 18 an application for judicial review of the decisions of the BBC and the Independent Television Commission to allocate the applicant only one five-minu party election broadcast on their respective television networks.

The applicant was a political founded in 1994. It was fielding 547 candidates in the 1997 election, claimed to have written pledges of support from about 200,000 potential electors, and appeared to have 3 per cent

support in the polls.
It had been allocated by both the respondents only one five-minute broadcast on each network, in contrast to the allocation to the Conservative and Labour parties of five five-minute slots and to the

Council, Ex parte T

Before Mr Justice Keene

applicant sought judicial review of the allocation on the ground, inter alia, that it was irrational because the respondents had included past electoral support in their criteria for allocating broadcasts, which a new party could not show, and had failed to take account of the electoral size and support, in particular the large number of its

Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC and Mr Gavin Millar for the Referendum Party; Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Paul Goulding for the BBC: Mr Christopher Clarke. QC and Mr Mark Shaw for the ITC; Mr William Wood for the Independent Television Association.

LORD JUSTICE AULD, giving the judgment of the court, said that both respondents were obliged to secure that their programmes preserved due impartiality. respondents had been given a wide discretion as to the rules they could make, inter alia, in relation to the allocation of broadcasts, to ensure that that obligation was fulfilled.

guidelines or as a matter of practice included in their criteria for allocating broadcasts a threshold requirement of 50 candidates which entitled a party to at least one broadcast, and, for further toral support.

His Lordship said, referring to Lynch v BBC ([1983] NI 193) and ing Authority (1979 SC 351), that impartiality in the context of allocating broadcasts was not to be equated with parity or balance as between political parties of different strengths, popular support

and appeal. it meant fairness of allocation having regard to those factors, yet making allowance for any significant current changes in the pol-itical arena and for the potential effect of the powerful medium of television itself in advancing or

hindering such changes.

Accordingly, the court did not find that the inclusion of previous electoral support as part of the broadcasters' general criteria irrational. His Lordship said that where it existed, it was obviously a relevant consideration, although only one, for assessing the curren strength of a political party relative

Clearly, it would be absurd for determinative or to regard it as a pre-condition for allocation of more than one broadcast, but that was not the case here. Where no previous electoral support existed the broadcasters had to consider

party relied to show its current and potential strength and entitlement to further allocation, which the court had found the respondents

The application of the criteria by the respondents in the present case had been reasonable. The weight they gave to matters such as number of candidates and current levels of support was a matter for them. The court should not intervene unless it was of the view that they were irrational in assessing those matters.

His Lordship also referred to submissions as to the BBC's susceptibility to judicial review. That was not a matter the court had to determine on the present application but it was, in their Lordships' view, possible that an obligation undertaken contractually to the Government to treat subjects of, inter alia, political controversy with impartiality would be regarded as governmental as defined in R v Jockey Club, Ex parte Aga Khan ([1993] WLR 909) and therefore suscep tible to review, because it reflects the Government's policy on a matter of public concern whether in statute or contractual form.

Solicitors: Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners: Ms Sarah Jones: Allen & Overy: Goodman Derrick.

Education decision was irrational

Regina v East Sussex County tutoring a week would be provided because of financial constraints. section 19 of the Education Act

Uudament April 23 In deciding what educational provision was suitable under section 398 of the Education Act 1993 regard was to be had to the suitable full-time or part-time edu-cation at school or otherwise than question rather than to the local authority's financial resources, although resources were relevant in deciding between different forms

Mr Justice Keene so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing the application of T, by her nother and next friend, for certiorari to quash the decision of East County Council to reduce T's home tuition from five to three hours a week.

The applicant had been dignosed as suffering from ME. She was unable to attend school for in May 1992 she began to receive five hours a week of home tuition from the local authority.

In early 1996 it became apparent that the government assessment for education spending by the local authority was around £3,000,000 expected spending and spending on home tuition was cut by three-quarters.

told in a meeting with local

10, 1996 that only three hours of Section 298 of the 1993 Act, now 1996, provides: "(1) Each local education authority shall make arrangements for the provision of

at school for those children . . . who ... may not for any period receive such suitable education unless such arrangements are made for

*(7) In this section 'subtable education", in relation to a child or young person, means efficient education suitable to his see suitable to his age, ability and aptitude and to any

Mr Tim Kerr for the applicant:

MR JUSTICE KEENE said that Mr Kerr had put his case in a number of different ways such as taking account of an irrelevant consideration or making a decision for improper purposes or irrationality. One could not, he suggested, take resources into account. Sultability in section 298 made no reference to local authority means. R v Gloucestershire County Council, Ex part Barry (The Times March 21, 1977; [1997] 2

Mr Kerr on the basis that it concerned the construction of section 2(1) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970. He submitted that the right to edu-cation was of a higher kind than the right, as in Barry, to a benefit.

In Barry Lord Clyde had said (at and 'needs' ... are not defined in the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 ... In deciding whether there is a necessity to mee needs the individual some criteria have to be provided. In the framing of the criteria to be it seems to me that the severity of the of a condition may have to be matched against the availability of resources.

His Lordship considered that the position under section 298 was different from that in Barry. Section 298(1) proposed a duty when issues arose but it was not left at large by Parliament.

Section 298(7) expressly provided a list for when suitability was to be ned. Suitability under secdon 298 was intended by Parliament as an individual concept related to the character of the particular child.

The term "suitable education was to be used in a similar way throughout the 1993 Act. it must therefore be an objective test and not one that varied according to the

means of the provider; otherwise one could envisage the rights of the child being whittled away entirely. Of course what amounted to suitable education in relation to a child's age and needs reflected what was being provided in schools in their area for children in that area with such aptitudes. Section 298 was not intended give a child an advantage.

That was not the same thing as taking financial resources account. The local authority was ed to do that.

That did not mean resources were wholly irrelevant under section 298. There might be more than one way of providing a suitable education in deciding which a local authority could properly have reference to financial resources. In the present case financial

considerations were taken into account. When it did that the local authority was not choosing be-tween different arrangements. There was no provision to make up for the lost two hours.

It followed the local authority took into account an immaterly

consideration in deciding what was suitable education and that decision could not stand. Moreover, the decision was arrived at insuch a way as to be irrational. Wells & Solicitors: Bates

Braithwaite; Miss

Goodbody, Brighton.

Others v News Group Newspapers Ltd

Before Mr Justice Lloyd Liudement April 25

Objects and people arranged in a scene for photographs for an album sleeve was not capable of being a copyright work within the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, but the taking of unauthorised photographs of the scene was arguably in breach of

Creation Records Ltd and

Mr Justice Lloyd so held in the Chancery Division, granting an interlocutory injunction until trial or further order to the plaintiffs. Creation Records Ltd. who had a licence agreement in relation to the United Kingdom recordings of Oasis, Sony Music Entertainment (UK) Ltd, who had a recording contract with the group and Mi Noel Gallagher, lead guitarist with Oasis and deviser of the art work for the album sleeve, against the defendant. News Group Newspapers Ltd to restrain them from further publication unauthorised photographs ready published in The Sun.

Mr Nicholas Merriman, QC and Mr Richard Edwards for the intiffs; Mr Kevin Garnett, QC,

MR JUSTICE LLOYD said that the action arose out of arrangements to take photographs for the cover of a forthcoming album by Oasis. The photographs were to be taken around the swimming pool of the Stocks Country Club Hotel,

Hertfordshire, on April 16. The swimming pool was drained, a white Rolls Royce lowered into it and other objects were delivered. Mr Noel Gallagher supervised the position-ing of objects and members of the group around the partially filled pool. Photographs were taken by an official photographer over sev eral hours. Mr Gallagher chose

one for the album. Although secrecy was essential, some local fans turned up at the hotel and a freelance pho was booked into the hotel by The Sun. Some fans had cameras. They were allowed to take photographs before the shoot.

The Sun photographer took some during the shoot and then left. One of his photographs was very similar to the official one chosen by Mr Gallagher. That and two others were published in The Sun on April 17, then again on April 18 with a poster offer to ow. On April 19 readers were invited to send £1.99 for a glossy poster of the world exclusive sicture of the new Oasis album

The plaintiffs were granted an ex parte injunction on April 21 and applied for an interlocutory injunc-tion restraining publication until trial on the basis of breach of

Copyright was claimed in the scene itself, primarily as an artistic work either of sculpture or collage within section 4(1)(a) of the 1988 Act or as a work of artistic craftsmanship within section 4(1)(c).

It was not seriously arguable that the process of assembling disparate objects with members of the group had anything in common with sculpture: see Breville Europe plc v Thorn EMI Domestic Appliances Ltd ([1995] FSR 77), or artistic craftsmanship: see George Hensher Ltd v Restawile holstery (Lancs) Ltd ([1976] AC 64) and Shelley Films Ltd v Rex Features Ltd (1994) EM LR 134).

As for collage, a subject of copyright new to English law in the 1988 Act. involved as an essential element the sticking of two or more things together. The instant composition was intrinsically ephemeral, its continued existence being in the form of a photographic image and accordit was materially different from Carl Andre's bricks and examples of installation art gen-erally. The plaintiffs case based on

copyright was not sufficiently arguable to grant an injunction.

Mr Merriman's contentions that the unauthorised photograph was a copy of the official photograph, or that Mr Gallagher was the owner of the copyright in the unauthorised photograph as the person who created it within sections 9(1) and 11(1) were rejected.

In the alternative, Mr Merriman submitted that there was a seriously arguable case that the unauthorised photograph was taken in breach of confidentiality. Mr Garnett submitted, correctly. that merely because a well known person tried to stop people taking photographs of him or her, it did not follow that any photograph taken was in breach

That was far from this case. Although as a hotel guest The Sun photographer and others were lawfully at the scene, that did not mean they were free to take photographs. A photograph was different in kind, not merely degree, from a sketch which could lawfully have been drawn from memory. It was the photographic

No copyright in Oasis photo layout record of the scene, the result of the shoot that was intended to be

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confidential. It was well arguable that the nature of the operation, together with the imposition of security measures made it an occasion of

confidentiality, at any rate as regards photography. it was arguable that The Sun photographer conducted himself surreptitiously. If so it was easy to infer he did so because he knew that photography was not permitted and that he was allowed to

remain only on that basis. A sufficient case of breach of confidence had been made out. Damages were not an adequate remedy for the plaintiffs.

The fact that millions of copies of the newspaper had contained the photograph was not of itself a reason to restrain the different type of publication arising from the poster offer: see Gilbert v Star Newspaper Co (Ltd) ((1894) 11 TLR 4). An interim injunction was granted to restrain further publication of the picture on the basis of breach of confidentiality.

Solicitors: Russells: Farrer & Co.

Court cannot rewrite will

In re Jones, deceased Jones v Midland Bank Trust Company Ltd and Others Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Henry and Sir Patrick

Judgment April 17

The unlawful killing of a testatrix by her son preventing him from benefiting under the terms of her will, did not entitle the court to rewrite the will, speculating as to what the testatrix's wishes might have been.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the second defendant, Alan J. Perry, the person entitled to benefit on the deceased's intestacy, from the on a preliminary issue arising on an originating summons under the Forfeiture Act 1982 by the plaintiff, Robert Jones, the deceased's son, by Judge Weeks, QC, sitting as a judge of the High Court.

The judge had construed the will of Mrs Heather Jones, deceased, as taking effect as if she had been eccased by her son with the effect that her residuary estate was held for her nephews, the second and third defendants, Michael and Steven Amphiett.

Mr Stephen Eyre for Mr Perry: Mr Ulick Staunton for Midland Bank Trust Company Ltd. the executors: Mr Nigel Meares, who did not appear below, for Michael and Steven Amphlett: Miss Jayne

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that by her will dated May 1965 the deceased directed her estate to be Jones, and in the event of his predeceasing her "for such of my

nephews ... as shall be living at the date of my death". in July 1991 Mrs Jones was killed by her son who was subslaughter and sentenced to three

It being indisputable, subject to any order under the Forfeiture 1982 Act, that the gift in favour of Robert Jones could not take effect, the issue was whether Mrs Jones's estate passed under the gift over to the nephews or devolved as on her intestacy. The judge decided in favour of the nephews and Mr

Perry now appealed. The point, a short one, was covered by authority which, even if not binding on the court, was of great persuasive force. The first, In Soi J 318), was a decision of Mr Justice Karminski that Judge Weeks recognised was directly in point and, for practical purposes, follow it.

The next was in re Sinclair. deceased ([1985] Ch 446, CA), a case concerning the analogous pro-vision contained in section (8A(I)(b) of the Wills Act 1837, as amended by section 18 of the Administration of Justice Act 1982, that where a testator was divorced after having made his will, any devise or bequest to his former spouse should lause.

in that case, Lord Justice Slade said (at p455) said that it was not "open to the court to rewrite the

will by adding other specific contingencies to those clearly ex-pressed in [the will] on the basis of mere intelligent speculation as to what the testator might have intended if his marriage were to end in divorce". Judge Weeks was of the continue that the testator of the continue that the testator are to the continue that the testator are the continue to the continue that the testator are the continue to the continue that the testator are the continue to the continue of the opinion that that case was

The third case, not cited to the judge was In re Hunter's Erec-utors, Petitioners (1992 SLT 1141), a decision of the Second Division of the inner House of the Court of

Judge Weeks based his judgment on necessary implication, stating: "Robert Jones killed his mother, and I think in the circumstances of this case the right inference to draw from the word ing of the will is that the testatrix, if asked, would have said: 'Of course. if he is to murder me, then my estate is to go to . . . my nephews'. That view was wrong, It involved a degree of speculation which was not permissible in the construction of wills. The event provided for by the deceased was clear and certain and it did not occur. The gift over could not take

Mr Perry's appeal should be allowed and a declaration made that the executors hold the de-ceased's residuary estate upon trust for the next of kin on an intestacy of the deceased. Lord Justice Henry and Sir

Patrick Russell agreed.
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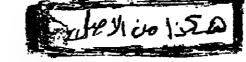
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Additional election candidates

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ABERAYON Beany, Capt (Beanus) ALDERSHOT Stevens, D (BNP) Pendragon, A (Ind) ALTRINCHAM & SALE WEST Stephens, J (PL) Ramsbottom, D (LD) AMBER VALLEY Delete Delvers, N (Loony) ANTRIM EAST

McAuley, Ms C (SF) O'Connor, D (SDLP) Mason, R (Ind) McCann, Ms M (NLP) ANTRIM NORTH McCarry, J (SF) Hinds, Ms B (NI Women) ANTRUM SOUTH

ASHFIELD Belshaw, R (BNP) ASHFORD Boden, R (Grn) ASHFORD-UNDER-LYNE Prince Cymbal (Loony) AYLESBURY K Sheaff (Ref) Delete Cooke, C (UK Ind) Delete Thomson, R (Loony)

Cushinan, H (Sf Smyth. H (PUP)

BARKING Tolman, M (BNP) BARNSLEY EAST & Hyland, Ms J (SEP) Capstick, K (Soc Lab) BARROW AND FURNESS Hamezelan, J (PLP) BASINGSTOKE

BATLEY & SPEN BATTERSEA Marshall, J (Dream) BEACONSFIELD Matthews, R (B Ind) Cooke, C (UK Ind) Story, C (CASC) BECKENHAM Meauley, J (NF)

BEDFORDSHIRE NORTH Foley. F L (Ind C) BELFAST EAST Dougan, D (NIFT) Bell, J (WP) Dines, Ms S (C) BELFAST NORTH Treamor, P (WP) **BELFAST SOUTH** Boal, Ms M (C) McDonnell, Dr A (SDLP) Lynn, P (WP) Cusack, N (Ind Lab) Campbell, Ms A (NI Women) Irvine, D (PUP)

BELFAST WEST Daly, Ms M (NLP) Kennedy, L (HR) LOWIY, J (WP) BETHNAL GREEN AND BOW King, D (BNP) Sheref, O (R Lab) Hamid, A (Soc Lab) BEVERLEY & HOLDERNESS Barley, D (UK Ind) Delete: Green, C (NLP) **BEXLEYHEATH & CRAYFORD** Smith, Ms P (BNP) Hughes, B (LC)

BIRKENHEAD Cullen, M (Soc Lab) BIRMINGHAM EDGBASTON Campbell, D (BDP) BIRMINGHAM ERDINGTON Delete: Baines, M (PL) BIRMINGHAM LADYWOOD Carmichael, A (Nat Dem) BIRMINGHAM NORTHFIELD BIRMINGHAM PERRY BARR Windridge, L (BNP) Panesar A S (4th)

BIRMINGHAM SELLY OAK Sherriff-Knowles, P (Loony) BIRMINGHAM SPARKBROOK & SMALL HEATH Clawley, A (Grn) Patel, P (4th) Bi, Ms S (Ind) Syed, R M (PAYR) Wren, C (Soc Lab) Delete: Meads, L (NLP)

BLABY Peacock, J (BNP) Stokes, T (Ind) Delete: Hatrison, R (Ref) BLACKBURN Batchelor, W (CSSPP) Carmichael-Grimshaw, Mrs M Wingfield, Ms T (Nat Dem) Drummond, Mrs H (Soc Lab)

BLACKPOOL NORTH & FLEETWOOD Ellis J (BNP) BLACKPOOL SOUTH Delete: Cato, M (Loony) BLAYDON Rook, R (Ind Lab) **BOLTON NORTH EAST** Kelly, W (Soc Lab) Delete: Tong, P (NLP) **BOLTON WEST**

Kelly, Mrs D (Soc Lab) Delete: Jump, H (NLP) Glover, P (Soc) BOURNEMOUTH EAST Delete: Barratt, T (NLP) **BOURNEMOUTH WEST**

Morse, J (BNP) Delete: Springham, A (NLP) BRACKNELL Tompkins, J (N Lab) BRADFORD WEST Osborne, G (BNP) Shah, S (Soc) Khan, A (Soc Lab)

BRAINTREE Abbott, J (Green Ref) Nolan, M (New Way) BRENT EAST Warrilo, Ms C (Dream) Jenkins, D (NLP) Keable, S (Soc Lab) BRENT NORTH

Clark, G (Dream) BRENT SOUTH Mahaidar, Ms A (NLP) Howard, C (Dream) Delete: Ahmed, M (NLP **BRIGHTON KEMPTOWN** Williams, Ms H (Soc Lab) Darlow, R (Dream) **BRIGHTON PAYILION** Card, A (Dream) Huggett, R (Ind c) Dobbs, B (SG)

Delete Draycott, C (NLP)

BRISTOL EAST Williams, P (Soc Lab) BRISTOL NORTH WEST Shorter, G (Soc Lab) BRISTOLSOUTH

DAGENHAM

DARTFORD

DAVENTRY

Gordon, J (LD)

DERBY NORTH

DERBY SOUTH

Walters, J (Pro Life)

Delete: Berenyl, A (Loony) Delete: Waters, J (Pro Life) Delete: Crompton, I (UK Ind)

DERBYSHIRE SOUTH

DERBYSHIRE WEST

Kyslun, M (Ind BB) Meynell, G (Ind Green)

Delves, N (Loony)

DEVON NORTH

Taylor, Ms F (BNP) Daniel, D (Ind Lab

Needs, G (Nat Dem)

Delete Langmead T (Loony)

DONCASTER CENTRAL

DEVON EAST

DEWSBURY

DON VALLEY

Johnson, C (PL) Ball, N (Soc Lab)

Kenny M (Soc Lab

DORSET WEST

Bygraves, R (Lab)

DOWN NORTH

Morrice, J (NI Wo Mooney, R (NIP)

DOWN SOUTH

DUDLEY NORTH

Mckeon, R (NLP) Delete O'Leary, D (NLP)

Darby, S (Nat Dem) Athenon, M (Soc Lab)

DULWICH & WEST

NORWOOD Rizz, Captain (Rizz)

Robertson, L (SSA)
Delete Mckillop, J (NLP)

Ward, Ms M (SSA) Delete Kennedy, H (NLP)

EALING ACTON &

Edwards, W (Ch P) Beasley, C (Glow)

Gilbert, J (Soc Lab)

EASINGTON Colborn, S (SPGB)

EAST HAM Smith. C (BNP) Hardy. G (Nat Dem)

Delete Calligaro, R (NLP)

Delete Grenville, M (NLP)

Delete Sutherland, R (NLP)

EDINBURGH CENTRAL

Delete Reid, D (NLP)

MUSSLEBURGH

Dunn, B (NLP)

Jack, A (AS)

EDMONTON

LEITH

EDINBURGH EAST &

Delete Coyne, M (Gm)

Douglas-Reid, P (NLP)

Brown, G (SSA) Delete Maling, P (NLP)

EDINBURGH SOUTH

Dunn. B (NLP) Delete Pringle. T (NLP)

EDINBURGH WEST

ENFIELD NORTH

Griffin, Ms J (BNP)

Storkey, A (Ch P) Malakouna, A (Mal)

EPPING FOREST Henderson, P (BNP)

ENFIELD SOUTHGATE

Delete Swain, B (UK Ind)

Simmons, M (Soc Lab)

FALMOUTH & CAMBORNE Geach. J (Ind Lab) Lewarne, Ms R (Meb Keri

O'Brien, W (Ind No) Delete Chapman, M (UK Ind)

FAVERSHAM & KENT MID

FELTHAM & HESTON

FIFE CENTRAL

Delete Saggar, 5 (UK Ind)

ESHER & WALTON Kay, Ms S (Dream)

Meakin. J (UKPP)

FXETER

PAREHAM

EDINBURGH PENTLANDS

EDINBURGH NORTH &

Khan, I (Soc Lab)

EAST LOTHIAN

EASTBOURNE

EASTWOOD

EALING SOUTHALL

Danon, P (PL)

SHEPHERD'S BUSH

DUMBARTON

DUNDER EAST

DUNDEE WEST

Duke, H (SSA)

DONCASTER NORTH

Crompton, Dr I (UK Ind)

McHale, P (BNP)

Pollit, J (Ch D) Homden, P (FDP)

Binding. W (BNP) Dawson, R (Ind) Hipperson M (Nat Dem)

Taylor, L (Glow) Marshall, I (Soc BRISTOL WEST Nurse, R (Soc Lab) Slater, B (Ref) BROMLEY & CHISLEHURST Speed, Ms F (Grn) Stoneman, M (NF) BROXBOURNE Cheetham, B (3rd) Bruce, D (BNP)

BURNLEY Delete: Oakley, R (Ref) BURTON Sharp, K (Nat Dem) BURY ST EDMUNDS Ereira-Guyer, M (Lab)

CALDER VALLEY Jackson, C (BNP) CAMBERWELL& PECKHAM Barker, Ms J (Soc) Ruddock, Ms A (Soc Lab) Delete: Ansong, P F (NLP) CAMBRIDGE Athow, R (WRP) CAMBRIDGESHIRE NORTH

Bennett, S (Soc Lab) CAMBRIDGESHIRE NORTH Wyatt, B (UK Ind) CAMBRIDGESHIRE SOUTH

Lamb, C (Fair) Delete: Coghill, C (Loony) CANNOCK CHASE Hurley, W (N Lab) Conroy, M (Soc Lab) CARDIFF CENTRAL

CARDIFF SOUTH & PENARTH Shepherd, M (Soc) CARLISLE Mayho, C (LD) CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON Richie, G (BNP)

Cook, G (UK ind) CASTLE POINT Kendall, Mrs L D (Ind) CHARNWOOD Palmer, M (BNP) CHATHAM & AYLESFORD

Delete: Harriss, A (PL) CHELTENHAM Hanks, K (Loony) Brighouse, Ms S (NLP) Harriss, Ms A (PL) CHESTER, CITY OF Gerrard, J (WCC) CHESTERFIELD Scarth, N (Ind OAP) CHICHESTER Smith, C (Lab)

CHEADLE

CHINGFORD AND WOODFORD GREEN Gould, A (BNP) CHIPPING BARNET Dirksen, Ms D (NLP) CITIES OF LONDON AND WESTIMINSTER Wharton, Ms P (Barts) Sadowitz, J (Dream) Webster, G (Hemp) Walsh, N (Loony)

CLWYD WEST Richard, R (CVTY) CLYDESDALE Smith, K (BNP) Delete Barnett, G (NLP) COATBRIDGE AND Delete: Henderson, M (NLP)

COLCHESTER Basker, Ms L (NLP) COLNE VALLEY Bradley, R (Alt LD) CORBY ence. Ms J (NLP)

CORNWALL NORTH Bolitho. J (Meb Ker) Cresswell, N (NLP) CORNWALL SOUTH EAST Hartley, Ms M (NLP) Dunbar, P (Meb Ker) COVENTRY NORTH EAST

Sidwell, C (Dream) Khamis, H (Soc Lab) COVENTRY NORTH WEST Francis, L (Dream) Spencer, D (Soc Lab) **COVENTRY SOUTH** Nellist, D (Soc) Astbury, J (BNP) Bradshaw, Ms A-M (Dream)

CRAWLEY Kahn, A (JP) Delete: Bradshaw, R (NLP) CROYDON CENTRAL Woollcott, J (UK Ind) **CROYDON SOUTH** Ferguson, P (BNP) Samuel, M (Choice

CUMBERNAULD & KILSYTH McEwan, K (SSA) Delete: Mair, P (NLP) CUNNINGHAME NORTH McDaid, Ms L (Soc Lab) **CUNNINGHAME SOUTH** Edwin, K (Soc Lab Martlew, A (Ref)

Rees-Mogg, J (C) Delete Murray, F (C) FOLKESTONE & HYTHE Saint R (CFSS) Segal, E (Soc) FOREST OF DEAN Paimer, C (21st Cent) Morgan, G (Ind Dean)

FOYLE Delete Davidson, A (UU)

GALLOWAY & UPPER NITHSDALE Wood, R (Ind) Delete Kerr. CHLINGHAM Jury, C (BNP) **GLASGOW ANNIESLAND** Pringle, T (NLP) Bonnar, W (SSA) Delete Dunachie, E (NLP) GLASGOW BAILLIESTON McVicar, J (SSA) Delete Dunachle, E (NLP) GLASGOW CATHCART Stevenson, R (SSA) Delete Hastle, M (NLP) GLASGOW GOVAN

White, J (BNP) Abbasi, ZJ (SCU) Badar, I (SLI) Paton, P (SLU) McCombes, A (SSA) GLASGOW KELVIN Green. A (SSA) Vanni, V (SPGB) GLASGOW MARYHILL Baker, Ms M (SSA) Johnstone, S (SEP) GLASGOW POLLOK Sheridan, T (SSA) Delete Hall. A (NLP)

GLASGOW RUTHERGLEN Kane, Ms R (SSA) Delete Kennedy, G (NLP) **GLASGOW SHETTLESTON** Currie, R (BNP) McVicar, C (SSA) Graham, J (WRP) Delete Gilmour, D (NLP) GLASGOW SPRINGBURN Lawson, J (SSA) COSPORT

Ettie, P (Ind) COWER Popham, A (FP) Delete Thomas, R (Loony) GRAVESHAM Leyshon, A (NLPC) **GREENWICH & WOOLWICH** Martin-Eagle, D (Constit Mailone, R (Fellowship)

GUILDFORD Morris, J (Pacifist) HACKNEY NORTH & STOKE NEWINGTON Tolson, D (None) Lovebucket, L (Rain Ref) Delete Goldberg, M (NLP)

HACKNEY SOUTH & HACKNEY SOUTH &
SHOREDITCH
Callow, G (BNP)
Goldman, M (Comm Brli)
Betts, T (N Lab)
Goldberg, M (NLP)
Rogers, B (WRP) HALESOWEN & ROWLEY REGIS Meeds, Ms K (Nat Dem)

HALTON Alley, J (Rep GB) HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM Eiston, A (Care) Johnson-Smith (N Lab) HAMPSHIRE EAST Foster, I (Gm) HAMPSHIRE NORTH EAST Berry, C (UK Ind) HAMPSHIRE NORTH WEST Anscomb, H (Bypass) Dodd, B (Ind) HAMPSTEAD & HIGHCATE

Carroll, R (Dream) Harris, J (Hum) HARLON Bowles, J (BNP) HARROGATE KNARESBOROUGH HARWICH Knight, R (CRP) Hasilngs & Rye Delete Moor, I (NLP)

HAVANT

Atwal, Major (BIPF) HAYES & HARLINGTON Farrow, D (ANP) Hutchins, J (NF) HAZEL GROVE Firkin-Flood, D (Ind Hum) HENDON Taylor. Ms S (WRP) HENLEY Hibbert, T (Whig) HERTFORD & STORTFORD Speller, S (Lab) Delete Harbourne, D (Lab) HERTFORDSHIRE SOUTH

WEST Delete Fitzsimons, B (UK Ind) HITCHIN & HARPENDEN HOLBORN & ST PANCRAS Rosenthal, M (Dream) Rice-Evans. P (EUP) Smith, SUPI HORNCHURCH Trueman, Miss J (Third) HORNSEY & WOOD GREEN Sikorski, P (Soc Lab) HORSHAM Corbould, M (FEP)

Bedding, T (NLP) Quintavalle, B (PL) Conway, B (WRP) HOVE Furness, J (Ind C) HUNTINGDON Hufford, Ms V (Ch D) Robertson, D (Ind) Delete Suich, D (Loony) HYNDBURN Brown, J (IAC) ILFORD NORTH

FLFORD SOUTH Owens. A (BNP) Hodges. D (Ref) Ramsey, B (Soc Lab)

INVERNESS EAST, NAIRN & LOCHABER Hart, D (Ch U) ISLE OF WICH Rees, H (Ind Isl) Daly, C (NLP) Eveleigh, J (Rain Isi) ISLINGTON SOUTH & FINSBURY Laws, A (ACA) Basarik, E (Ind) Creese, M (NLP)

JARROW LeBlond, A (Ind Lab) Bissett, J (SPGB)

KENSINGTON & CHELSEA Oliver, G (UKPP) Hazma, Ms S (NLP) Parlia, M.S. (REF)
Sullivan, P. (Dream)
Parliament, P. (Heart)
Bear, E. (Teddy Bear)
Delete Maclaughlin, C. (Loony) Le Carpentier, Mrs R (NLP) KINGSTON & SURBITON Port, C (Dream) Burns, P (UK Ind) Leighton, M (NLP) KINGSWOOD Hart, P (BNP) Nicolson, A (Scrapit) KNOWSLEY NORTH & SEFTON EAST Jones, C (Soc Lab)

LAGAN VALLEY LANCASHIRE WES Carter M, (Ref) Hill, D (Home Rule) LEEDS CENTRAL Hill, C (Soc) Rix, D (Soc Lab) Delete Toone, R (PL) LEEDS EAST LEEDS NORTH EAST Egan. J (Soc Lab) LEEDS NORTH WEST Toone, R (PL) Duffy, D (Ronnie) Lamb, R (Soc Lab) LEEDS WEST Delete Thurston, R (NLP) LEICESTER EAST

Slack, N (Glow) Sidhu, S (Soc Lab) LEICESTER SOUTH Sills, K (Nat Dem) Dooher, J (Soc Lab LEICESTER WEST Beishaw, A (BNP) Potter, C (Nat Dem) Roberts, D (Soc Lab) LEICESTER NORTH WEST LEOMINSTER LEWES Delete Shaw, P (NLP) LEWISHAM EAST Rizz, Captain (Dream) LEWISHAM WEST

LEWISHAM DEPTFORD Delete Archer, R (NLP) LEYTON & WANSTEAD Mian, A (ind) Delete Young, E (NLP) LIVERPOOL GARSTON Parsons, J (NLP) Nolan, S (SEP) LIVERPOOL RIVERSIDE Braid. D (MRAC) Wilson, Ms C (Soc) LIVERPOOL WALTON Mahmood, L(Soc) LIVERPOOL WAVERTREE

Corkhill, C (WRP) LIVINGSTON Culbert, M (SPGB) Delete Black, G (NLP) LLANELL Willock, J (Soc Lab) LONDONDERRY EAST Gallen, C (NLP) Anderson, I (Nat Dem) LOUGHBOROUGH Delete Bigger, J (UK Ind) LUDLOW Andrewes, T (Grn) LUTON NORTH Custace, A (NLP)

LUTON SOUTH Perrin, Ms C (NLP) MAJDENHEAD MAIDSTONE & THE WEALD Cleater, Ms M (Soc Lab) MANCHESTER CENTRAL Rigby. T (Comm Lge) Rafferty, F (Soc Lab) MANCHESTER GORTON MANCHESTER WITHINGTON Kingston, S (Dream) White, Ms J (Soc)

MERTHYR TYDFIL&

MIDDLESBROUGH

Cowdell (O Lab)

STALBANS SI HELENS NORTH Watts, D (Lab) SI HELENS SOUTH Jump, H (NLP) Holdaway, W (Ref) Delete Steele, (Ref) Delete Curry, T (UK Ind)

RUSHCLIFFE

REIGATE

St IVES Hitchins, W (Ethos) Delete Morris, T I (PL) SALFORD Curnstey, R (Ref) Herman, Ms S (NLP) Delete Chadwick, I (Ref) MITCHAM & MORDEN Dixon, N (ACC) Miller, L (BNP)

Krishnapillai, V (Ind) MOLE VALLEY Burley (Ind CRP) MORECOMBE & LUNSDALE Greenwell, Mrs J (LD) Walne, D (NLP) Delete Bracey, D (LD) MOTHERWELL & WISHAW Herriot, C (Soc Lab)

NEATH

Marks, H (LCP)

Howse, Ms K (Soc Lab)

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE EAST & WALLSEND

NEWBURY

Delete Quintavalle, B (PL)

NUNEATON Bray. D (Loc Ind) Everitt, R (UK Ind) OCHIL McDonaid, I (D Nat) OLD BEXLEY & SIDCUP Tyndail, Ms V (BNP) **OLDHAM EAST &** Dailing, I (NLP) Smith, J (Soc Lab) OLDHAM WEST & ROYTON

Dalling, S (NLP) Choudbury, G (Soc Lab) ORKNEY & SHETLAND ORPINGTON Delete Veero, R (Loony) OXFORD EAST

Harper Jones W (Embryo) Mylvaganam P (Anti-Maj) Deiete Harper Jones D (PL) OXFORD WEST & ABINGDON Rose, J (LGR) Buckton, R (UK Ind) PAISLEY SOUTH Clerkin, S (SSA)

PERTH Delete Glover, R (NLP) PETERBOROUGH PLYMOUTH DEVONPORT Ebbs, S (Nat Dem) Delete: Jamieson, W (Loony) PLYMOUTH SUTTON Kelway, K (Plymouth PONTYPRIDD

Moore, A (NLP) Skelly, P (Soc Lab) 45 J (NLP) POPLAR & CANNING TOWN Tyndall, J (BNP) loseph, Ms J (Soc Lab)

PORTSMOUTH NORTH Becks, C (Wessex Reg) PRESTON Delete: Bostock, J (UK Ind) PUTNEY Poole, Ms A (Beaut)

Van Braam. D (Ren Dem) Yardiy, M (Spts Ail) Beige, L (Stan) READING EAST Packer, Ms B (BNP) READING WEST Dell, I (BNP)

TATTON Muir, J (Albion) Bishop, D (Byro) Hill, S (Ind) REGENTS PARK & KENSINGTON NORTH Sadowitz, Ms D (Oream) Nicholas, R (Ind) Kinsey, S (Ind) RICHMOND PARK Delete: Wedgwood D D (UK TAUNTON Andrews, L (BNP) TAYSIDE NORTH Delete Glazier, J (NLP)

Dayles, P (Dream) ROCHDALE Bergin, G (BNP) Mohammed, S (IZB Party) ROMFORD Carey. M (BNP) ROSSENDALE & DARWEN Wearden, A (BNP) RUISLIP NORTHWOOD

Maszwska, Ms A (NLP) Moore, J (UK Ind) SAFFRON WALDEN Tyler, B (Ind) Cragen, Ms S (Dream)

Scantlebury, A (C) Tay, Ms E (PL) Anglin, C (WRP) Delete Laud, D (C) TRURO & SI AUSTELL Robinson, Mrs D (Grn) Hicks, D (Meb Ker)

Boland, P (NLP) Yelland, Mrs L (PP)

TYNE BRIDGE Brunskill, Ms E (Soc)

TYNEMOUTH Rogers, Dr F (UK Ind)

Gormley, Ms A (All) Owens, T (WP) Thompson, W (UUP)

Donnelly, Mrs M (WP) Murray, Ms M (NLP)

Leonard, Ms J (Soc) Delete Griffin C (NLP)

VALE OF YORK Pelton, T (Soc Dem) McIntosh, Miss A (C)

TYRONE WEST

ULSTERMID

UPPER BANN

Price. B (C) French, T (WP)

Lyons, J (NLP)

UXBRIDGE

VAUXHALL

Collins S. (Gm)

Driver I, (Soc Lab) Headicar R, (SPGB)

WALSALL NORTH

Humpherles A. (NF)

WALSALL SOUTH Meades, Mrs L (NLP)

House P (Loony) Lincoln, Ms S (NLP) Hunt T (UK Ind)

Murphy, D (Lab) Best, Dr N (Grn) Delete Thompson, J (Lab)

Kennet, Ms M (Grn) Toistoy-Milosiausky, Count M

WARWICK & LEAMINGTON

WARWICKSHIRE NORTH

Cragg, P (NLP) English, Mrs M (UK Ind)

WELLINGBOROUGH

Lowrys, Ms A (NLP) Ellwood, A (UK Ind)

Royse, Ms L (NLP)

Harold, Ms H (PL) Cox, E (Justice)

WEST HAM

Francis, K (BNP)

Hawkins, G (Lib)

Smith, M (Ref)

Maile, C (Gm) Ayliffe, W (NLP)

WIMBLEDON

WIGAN

Hayson, C (NLP) Westbury, R (UK Ind)

WESTMORLAND &

WILTSHIRE NORTH

Forsyth, Ms J (NLP) Wood, A (UK Ind)

Jug, T (Loony)

WESTBURY

Rainbow, J (Dream)

WELWYN HATFIELD

WEST BROMWICH WEST

Silvester, R (Lab Change)

Edwards, S (Nat Dem)

WARRINGTON SOUTH

WANSBECK

WANTAGE

ROSS, S (NLP)

Baptie, P (Grn) Gibbs, M (EDP)

McCarthy, R (NLP)

Warwick, G (UK Ind)

Moorecroft, 1 (Bert) Cooke, C (UK Ind)

WATFORD

Davis, L (NLP)

WAVENEY Clark, N (Ind)

WEALDEN

WELLS

Haggar, T (Dream) Harrison, Miss J (Ind ECR)

TWICKENHAM

SALISBURY Holmes, B (Ind) SCARBOROUGH & WHITBY Delete Ingram, F (NLP) SCUNTHURPE Hopper, B (Soc Lab) SEDGEFIELD Pitman, E (C) Delete Noci. E (C)

SEVENOAKS Ellis, M (PF) SHEFFIELD BRIGHTSIDE Davidson. P (Soc Lab) SHEFFIELD CENTRAL NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME Bell, Ms B (Soc Lab) Browniow, A (Ref) Douglas, K (Soc) Driver, M (WRP) SHEFFIELD HALLAM Booler, P (SIP) SHERWOOD

Levy. M (Comm Brit) Carpenter, Ms B (Soc Lab) NEWRY & ARMAGH Whitecroft, P (All) SHREWSBURY & ATCHAM NORFOLK MID Williams A (PPP) Dignan A (CFSS) Frary, S (LD) Delete Williams, A R (LD) SLOUGH Whitmore, P (Slough) NORFOLK NORTH Delete Mills, D (NLP) SOUBULL NORWICH NORTH Delete: Sheriff, P (Loony) Marks, H (LCP) Mills, D (NLP) Hood, J (Soc Lab) SOUTH HOLLAND & THE DEEPINGS Erwood, G (NPC) Delete: Hendy, C (Ref) NORWICH SOUTH

SOUTH SHIELDS NOTTINGHAM NORTH Wilburn, I (Shield: SOUTHAMPTON ITCHEN NOTTINGHAM SOUTH Rose, K (Soc Lab Marsh, G (Soc) Edward, S (Nat Dem) SOUTHPORT Middleion, M (Nat Dem) SOUTHWARK NORTH &

BERMONDSEY Davidson, M (BNP) Grant, I (Comm Lge) Ingvison, Ms I (Nat Dem) SPELTHORNE Delete Rea, D (Loony) STAFFORD May, A (Loony) Delete: Holt. D (Loony) STIRLING Oisen, E (Value) STOCKPORT Southern, G (Soc Lab)

STOKE-ON-TRENT CENTRAL Coleman, M (BNP) STOKE-ON-TRENT SOUTH Scott. Mrs S (C) Batkin, S (BNP) Mickiem, Mrs A (Lib) Lawrence, B (Nat Dem) STONE Grice, Ms D (NLP) STRANGFORD

Chalk, G (C) STRATFORD-ON-AVON Stacey, S (Lab) Marcus, S (SFDC) Delete Maden, R (Lab) STRATHKELVIN & BEARSDEN Fisher, Ms J (NLP) STREATHAM Delete Harper, C L (UK Ind) SUFFOLK CENTRAL &

IPSWICH NORTH Bennell, Ms S (Ind) Delete Caulfield, S (Ref) SUFFOLK COASTAL Kapian, Ms F (NLP) SUFFOLK SOUTH Holland, Mrs A (NLP) SURREY EAST Bartram, Ms S (NLP)

SUSSEX MID Delete Willinck, R (NLP) Delete Berry, P (Loony) **BUTTON & CHEAM** right, Ms D (NLP) SUTTON COLDFIELD Delete Bray, R (NLP)

SWANSEA EAST Job. R (Soc) SWANSEA WEST Proctor, D (Soc Lab) EWINDON SOUTH Charman, R (Route 66)

TEIGNBRIDGE

THANET NORTH

Golding, Mrs L (Dream)

THURROCK Compobassi, P (UK Ind)

TIVERTON & HONITON

Boddington, P (BFAIR)
Bailey-Bond, D (Dream)
Husband, Mrs A (Ref)
Delete Huntingdon, M (UK

Charles, D (Nat Dem)

TOOTING

TORBAY

TOTNES

Thacker, R (Grn) Stacey, G (Dream) Kirby, M (Mongolian) WINCHESTER Browne, J (Ind AFE) Stocktown, P (Loony) Huggett, R (Top) Rumsey, D (UK Ind) Price, J (Juice) Penhaui, B (Miss M) Part. R (Dynamic) Bradshaw, P (Lib) Bigg. Mrs E (UK Ind)

WITNEY Chappie-Perrie, Ms S (Gm) Montgomery, M (UK Ind) WOKING Bell, H (Ind C) Sleeman, Miss D. (NLP) Harvey, M (UK Ind) WOKINGHAM Owen, P (Loony) WOLVERHAMPTON NORTH

EAST Hallmark, C (Lib) Wingfield, M (Nat Dem) WOLVERHAMPTON SOUTH Bullman, K (Lib) Worth, N (Soc Lab) WOLVERHAMPTON SOUTH

wild, P (Dream) Delete Rowe, J (Loony) **WEST** Hyde. M (Lib) WOODSPRING Lawson, Dr R (Grn) Venmore, C (Loc C) Cook, Ms P (Ref) Golding, J (Dream) Glover, A (Ind) Mears, M (NLP) Hughes, R (Ref) WORCESTER

Wood, Mrs P (UK Ind) WORCESTERSHIRE MID Oyer, A (NLP) Ingles, D (UK Ind) WORCESTERSHIRE WEST Cameron, Ms S (Green) elete Winsor, D (Ref)

WORKINGTON Austin, C (UA) WORTHING EAST A SHOREHAM Jarvis, Mrs R (UK Ind) WREXHAM Low, N (NLP) WYCOMBE Laker, J (Grn) Heath. M (NLP)

WYRE FOREST Harvey, C (Lib) Mllington, J (UK ind) WYTHENSHAWE & SALE Flannery, J (Soc Lab)

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Ch U - Christian Unity; CSSPP - Common Sick of Politicians Party; Community Regresentative Party; Care - Care in the Community Rights - Charter For Basic Rights; Ch D - Christian Party of Britian; CRP - Community Representative Party; CASC - Conservatives Against The Single Currency; CVTY - Construction Now; Care - Care in the Community: Rights - Charter For Basic Rights; Ch D - Christian Party; Ind Hum - English Independent Humanist Party; Community Party; Constit - Constitutionalist: CFSS - Country Field and Shooting Sports: D Nat - Democratic Nationalist: EDP - English Democratic Party; Ind Hum - English Independent Humanist Party; Field and Shooting Sports: D Nat - Democratic Nationalist: EDP - English Democratic Party; Ind Hum - English Independe Means Consulting the reopie; and Dem - independent Democrat; and EUK - independent English Conservative and Referendum; and F - independent Forester; and Green - Independent Green: Your Childrens Future; and Lab - Independent Labour; and No - Independent No to Europe; 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Rizz - Rizz Party; Ronnie - Ronnie The Rhino Party; Route 66 - Route 66 - Party Posse Party; SCU - Scottish Conservative Unofficial, SLI - Scottish Labour Independent; SLU - Scottish Labour Unofficial; SSA - Scottish Socialist Alliance; Scrapit - Scrapit Stop Avon Ring Road Route 66 - Party; Posse Party; SCU - Scottish Conservative Unofficial, SLI - Scottish Labour Independent; SLU - Scottish Labour Party; Soc - Socialist Party; SPGB - Socialist Party of Great Now; SIP - Sheffield Independent Party; Soc Dem - Social Democrat Socialist; See P - Socialist Equality Party; Soc Lab - Socialist Democratic Conservative; SG - Sub-genius Party; Teddy - Teddy Bear Britian; Beanus - Space Age Superhero from Planet Beanus; Spts All - Sportsman's Alliance: Anything but Mellor; SFDC - Stratford First Democratic Conservative; SG - Sub-genius Party; Teddy - Teddy Bear Space Age Superhero from Planet Beanus; Spts All - Sportsman's Alliance: Anything but Mellor; SFDC - Stratford First Democratic Conservative; 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FOOTBALL: HODDLE QUICK TO APPRECIATE EMERGING TALENT OF NATIONAL TEAM'S YOUNG AMBASSADOR

England bank on a Neville in credit

Oliver Holt, football correspondent, meets a defender who, it seems, can do no wrong

There is a story about Gary Neville that spread like wildfire through the ranks of the journalists who follow the England football team but was barely reported. It concerns an event that happened almost a year ago, and is still related with the sense of disbelief and wonderment usually reserved for the most salacious of

Like all the best stories, it has a shock value capable of shaking one's perceptions of the sport and its protagonists. Like most of the sleaziest episodes that footballers get hemselves dragged into, it happened on an England trip abroad and, to complete the picture, a photographer was on hand to provide evidence.

In fact, the photographer was integral to the story. A touch overweight and loaded down with cameras, he was toiling his way along the Great Wall of China with those among the England party on last spring's ill-fated tour of China and Hong Kong who had bothered to make the trip. Neville, sensing he was in discomfort, suddenly appeared at his shoulder and offered to carry his cameras

for the remainder of the walk. That is it. Short and sweet. A young England football player behaving with undue courtesy towards a member of the media he did not know and. while he was at it, impressing everyone with his articulacy. common-sense and maturity. It is sensationalist, admittedly, stretching credibility, perhaps, but those who were there swear it is not apocryphal.

bey, as England prepared for the World Cup qualifying tie against Georgia tomorrow. Neville was at it again, causing more raised eyebrows by refusing to hide behind clichés, insisting on straight answers and generally exud-ing a level of modesty most unbecoming for someone who has quickly established himself as one of the most accomdished defenders in the FA Carling Premiership.

More pertinently, perhaps, as England's attempts to qualfor the World Cup in France next year intensify. Neville, who will earn his eighteenth cap against Georgia, has retained the boyish enthusiasm for playing for his country that so many of the younger players seem to lose amid the torrents of club matches and the mounting commercial pressures that rest on their callow shoulders.

about missing our summer tour to France this summer." Neville, 22, said, "but we are playing Brazil, Italy and France - of course I want to go. If I am fit and selected, I will be playing for England in the summer. You cannot play roulette, can't say 'I will miss this tournament or this game' or 'I will pull out of that game'. I might never get another chance to play against Brazil.

"I know people are talking

"Alex Ferguson has never said to me that he is going to pull me out of an England game. If a young player needs a rest at Manchester United, he will be given a rest and we all put our trust in him to make that choice. If I am in the England squad, we don't even have a conversation about it. I



Neville, pictured at Bisham Abbey yesterday, displays a modesty and manners all too rare among his peers

players than me in that pos-

tion. I think Petrescu and

McAteer are probably the best

in the Premiership. I wish I

could get myself forward more

and I have been told I have got

to be more positive, but I think

sometimes I have got this mentality that I am a defender

first and a footballer second.

My brother, Phil, is good at

making the decision of when

Rt2 Od2

Diagram of final position

KEENE on CHESS

31 Rfb1

34 Poch6

just go. He does not have any problem in any of us playing for England. He wants us to

When pressed, he spoke about the variety of positions he has filled successfully for his country. He has played as a conventional right back in a four-man defence, as a rightsided centre back in a back three and as a wing back in a back five. He has impressed the England manager, Glenn Hoddle, in every role, but still Neville is not satisfied.

BY RAYMOND KHENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Luke McShane, 13, has be-

come the youngest British player ever to achieve the international master title. His

third and decisive result came

at the tournament in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, where in

the IBIS Master group he scored 65 per cent. Leading

positions in the tournament were as follows: Lerner 72;

Cyborowski, Eingorn, Did-

Sicilian Defence

McShane 62. White: McShane

Black: Lipinsky

2 NB

Gelsenkirchen, 1997

British prodigy

"Wing back was my least to go forward and when not to. favourite, really," he said. "I I think maybe I am a bit too cautious." can beat players going forward, but there are better

Neville, a credit to the upbringing techniques of Ferguson, was full of praise for his United manager and for the influence exerted over all the club's young players by Eric Cantona, the Frenchman whose talents are supposed to be on the wane. For praise for Neville, of course, you have to look elsewhere.

"I don't agree with him at all about him not being comfort-

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able going forward." Hoddle said. "Look at the cross he provided for Shearer's goal against Scotland in Euro 96. Look at the piece of skill he came up with when he (licked the ball past Bjornebye to set up Manchester United's third

goal at Anfield. "He has got a very mature head and he is an accomplished player at a very young age with a lot of experience under his belt. He is being nice and modest but, within himself, he is a very confident lad."

F A Pose b David
C A Waish si Kenn b Kumble
Ednas (b 1, b) 2, w 4)

Umpreer C Cumberbatch and E Nicholfs.
DRAKES HUDOERSPIELD LEAGUE:
Marsdan 185-6 Limithwalta 151-9; Elland 134
Broad Calk 144-8; Kirkburton 186-5
Steimarthropa 255-5; Metham 115-5
Holmfirth 113, Shapley 161 Scholes 199-8;
Stathwalte 2015 Horley 145-6. Thonga-bridge 145-8 Lascellos Hall 146-3
YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: York 125 Hall 128-

9.
ASBOT ALE NATIONAL COMPETITION:
First round: Kendai 203-5 Blackpool 165-7;
Workington 35 Chorley 37-1, Preston 111
Warmington 115-4, Lamassier 154-9
Futwood and Broughton 111; Leyland 113-9
Banow 105: Layland 08 | 148-5 Rec Ginen
167-9 (Leyland Dail win on laster run rate)

LIMSTOOR

Bunday's late results
PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Sporting Lisbon
2 Visions Satubat 1, Boevista 7 Gil Viconte 0
WORLD CLIP: African zone; Group one:
Burlona Faso 1 Nigena 2 (in Ouagadou-gout Concead zone: Final round: Can-ada 0.1amaca 3 (in Vancouver)
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo champ-lonship: Ancatuba 1 São Deaulo champ-lonship: Ancatuba 1 São Jose 0, Cont-titans 1 Portuguesa 1; Internacional Limetra

Instity: Aracatuba 1 São Jote 0, Confiniaris 1 Portuguesa 1; Internacional Limeira 5 Amorica (SJ Rio Pretol 0, Mogri Miran 2 Guarani 2; Portuguesa Sentista 1 Palmeiras 4, Rio Branco 3 Botalogo (Ribeirao Pretol 0; Sentis 1 União São João 1; São Paulo 8 Juventus 1, Rio de Janeiro championarhip:

Umpres: C Cumberbatch and E Nicholis

Splitting under-19 contest pays off

THE move to split the Snickers Under-19 schools football tournament into two competitions was justified by two pulsating finals at The Hawthorns yesterday. These competitions proba-

bly generate more passion than any other secondary schools event in Britan. Next season, more than 2,000 schools and colleges are expected to enter. The tournament has been

By JOHN GOODBODY

divided in two because of the domination of the sixth-form colleges, which are able to field a greater number of older boys than the schools.

In the colleges section final yesterday, Cardinal Newman, Preston, beat Colchester 1-0, while, in the competition catering for schools. Parmiter's Watford and Monkseaton HS, Whitley Bay, shared the trophy after a 0-0

Cardinal Newman possessed Robert Hawarth, the most skilful boy on display in the colleges final. His deft dribbling frequently splitthe Colchester defence. However, Cardinal Newman were way-ward in their finishing and Colchester nearly equalised three minutes from time when Swarbrick had to clear off the goalline.

The decisive goal came in the 38th minute when McCann drove home a free kick from the edge of the area. The schools final was taut, going to the end of extra time

without a score, but with innumerable near-misses and splendid saves. The problem was neither team had the composure nor the penetration near goal.

Inability to go distance is downfall for Shilton

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

PETER SHILTON, the former England goalkeeper, has had his contract with Leyton Orient terminated by the club because he cannot kick the ball far enough. Shilton, 47, played ten times for Orient in the Nationwide League third division after joining them from West Ham United last November.

Tommy Taylor, the Orient manager, said: "Peter is magnificent for his age and, if he could kick the ball, I would keep him. It sounds silly, but you need a goalkeeper to kick it into your opponents' penalty box to make chances in the third division."

Steve Shorey, the Orient chief scout, added: "Kicking could be one of the reasons, but I wouldn't like to say anything against a player who has served the game so well as other clubs might be interested in him. We have only one game left and we have no need for the services of Peter. He was first choice until he got injured and we brought in Paul Hyde |the Under-21 goal-England

keeper]."
Shilton, who made his 1,000th Football League ap-pearance against Brighton while at Orient, will now head

to Hong Kong.

The Football League has refused a request from BSkyB to switch the third division match between Hereford United and Brighton from Saturday to Sunday in order to screen it live. Hereford and Brighton, the bottom clubs, each has 46 points and will be playing for League survival at Edgar Street in front of a sellout crowd of \$,800.



By Robert Shrehan, bridge correspondent

This is a hand played by Derek Young, a popular member of the £5 game at the old St James Bridge Club. He was South, playing in a social rubber bridge game.

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Contract; 8b	Spades by Sout	h. Leed: ten of	hearts

After a little hesitation, West led the ten of hearts. East took the ace of hearts and returned the ten of clubs to declarer's queen. Declarer cashed a high spade, on which West threw a diamond. Now it seems obvious to cross to dummy with a diamond to take the marked spade finesse, but before doing that Young considered the significance of East's double. Surely J632 of spades and the ace of hearts was not enough. So East must have Intended his double as "Lightner", asking for an unusual lead. The only possible reason was that East was void in diamonds, so Young cashed the king of clubs, and with a

flourish ruffed the ace of clubs. Now he had successfully reached dummy and could pick up East's jack of spades.

What do you think of West's lead? It was possible that was doubling with say t and king of hearts. How double with that holding declarer had a singleton he would still make th tract. The diamond vi more likely, so I think

☐ Robert Sheehan writ bridge Monday to Frid Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

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k West	21	Ne3	Nd3+	20 Rad1	8d6
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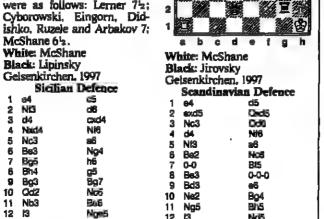
By Philip Howard

MOUNSTER **PARALOGISM** a. Interrupting a. A monster b. A skiing manoeuvre b. A horseman c. Illogical reasoning c. To barricade **AUTOCHTHON** COCKALORUM

a. Aboriginal a. A twerp b. Earning one's living b. Chicken soup c. Hatred of automobiles c. Higgledy-piggledy

By Raymond Keene

from the game Russakov -Verlinski, USSR 1947. Here White was probably relying on the continuation 1 ... Be 2 Qxb2 with an unbalanced position. Can you see what he had overlooked?



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7	0-0	B15
8	Be3	0-0-0
9		e6
10	Ne2	Bg4
11		BNS
12		Nd5
13		15
14	Ng3	Bg6
15		Nt4
	Bc4	Nxd4
	c3	h6
18	Qxd4	hxg5
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cne	28 (A10)	day to Friday in
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WINNING MOVE

Black to play. This position is

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MADRID: Marethor: 1, Alberto Cuba (Cuba) 214 18min 1sec; 2, Alesta Cuba (Cuba) 216.46, 3, R Gaveta (Sp) 219.41; 4, J.L. Chuneco (Sp) 220:46; 5, P.K. Robch (Nan) 221:37
HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE, North Yorkshire: Preo Thros Pestu Mil mos (23.5m, 4.50th); Man; 1, I. Horman (Brophy) 214
22min 28sec; 2, P. Sheard (Pudsey and Bramley) 3:00:57; 3, J. Blackett (Mandale) 3:02:20; 4, P. Briscos (Pass) 3:06:12, 5, G. Watton (Altrincham) 3:07:10; 6, R. Hernes (Hunters Bog Trotters) 3:09:100 Des 40; G. Schofield (Nower), 11th overall 3:12:11. Over-50; P. McWade (Clayton-le-Moors, 42 Veterant Isam: Colyton-le-Moors (42 Veterant Isam: Colyton-le-Moors (12 Women; 1, C. Greenwood (Brigloy, 58th) 3:34:39, 2. V. Pascock (Clayton-le-Moors, WSS) 3:40-42; 3, K. Sherr (Keghia) Hill Runnes (WSS) 3:54:58. Team: Cayton-le-Moors (WSS) 3:54:58.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Seatile 2 Toronto 1; Boston 13 Batimore 7; New York Yenleses 7 Crucago White Sox 1, Milwaukee 6 Cleveland 5, Texas 7 Minnesota 3, Kenses City 7 Celdard 1; Ansherin 6 Detrot 5 NATIONAL LEAGUE: Attents 2 San Diego 0 (4/b: nns), New York Mets 5 Montroel 3, 8t Louis 6 Colorado 2, Pitisburgh 7 Chuago Cuba 0; San Francisco 3 Housson 2; Florida 4 Los Angeles 3 Postponed: Cincinnati v Philadelighila. BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Pleyoffs: Eastern Conference; Miam 164 Orlando 87 (Mami lead best-of-five serfes 2-0): Checago 109 Washington 104 (Cheatgo Issed 2-0), Detroit 93 Alamis 80 (senet lead 1-1) Western Conference: Los Angales Lakers 107 Portland 93 (Los Angales Lakers 107 Portland 93 (Los Angales Lead 2-0). Seattle 122 Phoens 78 (sorres ted 1-1)

Second one-day

international match West Indies v India

POOLS FORECAST 17 Whesham v Blackpool 2
18 Wycombo v Bristol C X
19 York v Crews 2
11 WHID DIVISION
20 Barret v Colchester X
21 Cambridge v Fulham 2
22 Carlsia v Eveter 1
23 Chestor v Leyton 0
24 Darlington v Cardiff 2
25 Donosster v Torquay 1
26 Hereford v Brighton 2
27 Hull v Scarborough X
28 Lincoln v Bonddale 1
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3 Middlestro v A Vila
4 Notim F v Wimbledon
5 South pton v Blacktin
6 Sundurland v Eventon
7 W Ham v Snell W 36 East File v Andrie 37 G Morton v Dundee 39 S J'eroné v St Mirren 40 Stirling v Clydebank SCOTTISH SECOND 41 Ayr v Brechn 42 Clyde v Hamilton 43 Dumbilion v Q of Sih 44 Livingston v Stramaor 45 Sterni muir v Berwick SECOND DIVISION

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DRAWS (home teams) Nottingham Forest, Sunderland, Wycombe, Barnet, Hull, Famborough, Dunfermine, Dumberton, Inverness CT, Montrose

FDCED ODDS, Homes Coventry, Bristol Rovers, Chesterfield, Gdingham, Don-caster. Aways: Futham, Brighton, Andre. Drawa Sunderland, Barnel, Dumburton. ☐ Vince Wright OTHER MATCH: Rest of the World XI 4 v Europe XI 3 (in Bercelona) ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Province changes

ST ANDREWS: International match: Sociand v France: Foursomer: (Scoland-narias fluit Brooks and Howard has ad with Resets and Notice 2 and 1; Bearies and Sociand Resets and Resets (Sectional names that Brooks to to Resets 2 and 1; Resitor of Devid 4 and 2; Howard halved with Rouz; Forsyth bi Stolear 4 and 2; Watson lost to Nicolay 3 and 2; Marsanzie lost to Devid 4 and 3; Forbes bi Goronesicou 2 and 1; Bearies jost to Havet 3 and 2. Overell metch result: Scotland 15 France 9.

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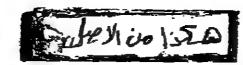
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SINCE Khaled Abdulla bought a stud in Kentucky specifically for rearing yearlings more than a decade ago. the best of the 120 bluebloods bred to race each season have been allocated a rating, on a scale up to ten.

Until recently none, not even Zafonic, the top two-yearold colt of 1992 and recordbreaking winner of the 2,000 Guineas, had been deemed worthy of the maximum rating.

However, when Zafonic's brother became ready to follow his illustrious relation and join André Fabre at Chantilly. the experts who run Abdulla's

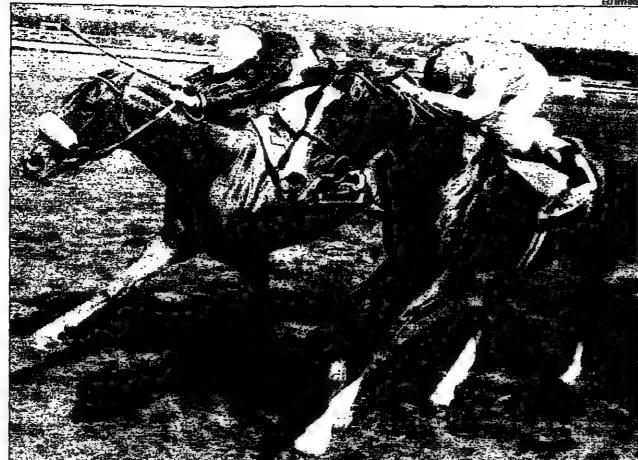
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Nap: Northern Drums (5.20 Nottingham) Nb: Change For A Buck (3.45 Nottingham)

Juddmonte Farms operation finally relented and granted Zamindar the ultimate accolade: ten out of ten.

"We rated Zafonic a nine but everyone got bold and rated Zamindar a ten," John Chandler, president of Juddmonte Farms in the United States, said. "As a foal and yearling. Zamindar was possibly not as massively dominant as Zafonic but I always thought Zamindar had a little

bit more finesse." The racecourse performances of Zamindar as a twoyear-old were useful - he won a group three race and was placed twice in group one company - without living up to expectations. However, with the five-day declarations for Saturday's Pertemps 2,000



Fabre expects Zamindar, right, to improve on his second to Bahamian Bounty in the Prix Morny at Deauville last year

Guineas made yesterday, there are sound reasons for believing that Zamindar can become an equine Bo Derek -

and justify a rating of ten. A change in racing style has brought about considerable improvement. Last year, he tended to make the running and on his final start became involved in a cutthroat duel with The West in the Prix de la Salamandre which set up the race for Revogue.

Zamindar now settles off the pace and the results could be electrifying if a recent gallop with good-class stable-mates at Maisons-Laffitte is an accurate guide. Shaal, who provided Zamindar with a lead, won a listed race at Longchamp on Sunday.

Fabre yesterday confirmed the difference in Zamindar since he has settled. "He works quite impressively when he does that," Fabre said. "My horses last year were probably affected by a virus. This year they are in good shape so I think this horse has not yet shown his true form. He missed his prep race because he had a serback so I had to work him at home. I am pleased with him and think he is going to run well."

Fabre, who rarely makes such bullish statements. pointed out that when Zamindar was just beaten by Bahamian Bounty in the Prix Morny at Deauville last August. Pas De Reponse, the joint-favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, was three lengths away in third.

When a trainer of Fabre's calibre sets out his stall, it is time to take notice. He boasts an outstanding record in Britain and his enthusiasm for Zamindar is infectious. At 16-1 with the Tote, Zamindar is

excellent each-way value. While Zamindar prepares for his cross-Channel raid, the Godolphin horses arrived in Britain yesterday from Dubai. "They have arrived safely and are in tip-top shape," Simon Cristord, Godolphin's racing manager, said.

Gaelic Blue ASCOT suited by stamina test

ASCOT - BBC2

5.30: Two headstrong from-runners. El Freddie and Olympian, should set this up for something to come from behind. Cassio's Boy and Meditator fit the bill but lack the scope of Lyphantastic, a useful novice two years ago. He has been off the course with leg injuries but his trainer. Charlie Mann, is a dab hand at bringing back runners after an absence.

6.00: Storm Alert and Big Matt, the course specialists, are too high in the handicap. but they are more consistent than Thumbs Up and Cumbrian Challenge. Time Won't Wait gets the vote. He shaped well - ridden close to a strong



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

pace and making his ground too soon - when fourth to Uncle Ernie at Cheltenham in March. Last time he was travelling well when ham-pered and unseating at Aintree, Bertone is improving but needs 24 miles.

6.30: Nearty every horse in this contest is a front-runner and Gaelie Blue can swoop from off the pace. He over-came an inadequate test of stamina to win at Ayr last time and is improving fast. His trainer, Sue Smith, is in form.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY

4.15 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,616: 1m 54yd) (18)

9-2 Process Of Hearts, 6-1 Pronymett, 7-1 Castles Burning, 8-1 Margo Park, 10-Santa Resa, Vine Verdi, 12-1 Barrisho, Interdresson, Martirer, 14-1 others

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5.20 ATTENBOROUGH HANDICAP

(£3,252: 1m 6f 15yd) (18)

4.45 COTMANHAY FILLIES HANDICAP

(£3,703: 1m 1f 213yd) (16)

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7.05 Ambidextrous 7,35 Uncle Algy 8.05 Physical Fun

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5.30 Lyphantastic 6.00 Time Won't Wait

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6.00 MICHAEL PAGE GROUP HANDICAP CHASE (£10,231: 2m) (8 numers)

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6.30 John Mowlen novices handicap chase (£7,230° 3m 110yd) (10 runners) 30 311 1 TOPO (10 140 FEES)

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1996: WREKENGALE 6-10-4 W Ministon (9-4) Mrs. J Pitram 7 into

FORM FOCUS MR PICKPOCKET basi Duhallow Lodge 41 in 12-namer handicap chase all Tauriton (3m. good) on penulibrate sast, JULTARA best Who is Equiname 34 in 8-namer novice chase over boursa and de-lance (good) DOMANG DE PRIDN ceck 2nd of 8 to Big Archie in novice chase at Startord (3m.

7.05 ERNEST IRELAND HOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,420: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

Lang handsap: Bath Knight 9-11 BETTING: 5-2 Chair Monte, 5-1 Americanous, 5-1 Abour The Call Manterbeck, 7-1 Proud Irrage B-1 Waretead, 16-1 Calour Courseller, 14-1 other: 1996. FAUSTINO 4-11-5 A P McCay (11-2) P Hebbs, 10 mm

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7.35 MICHAEL PAGE NOVICES CHASE (£4,395; 2m 3(110yd) (9 runners)

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0 THE PHANTONI FARMER 74 (Mirs. I Wills) N Handerson 6-11-0. J R Namanagh SECTING: 5-2 Country Lover 4-1 Hartequin Chons, \$-1 Loup Frog. Pat Buckley, 5-1 Over The Way, 7-1 Physical Fam, 8-1 Sammand, 16-1 others.

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(18) 5- COMMENCE M Channen 8-0. A Eddary (7)

(19) 6- COMMENCE 19 M K STAND 8-0. S STANDERS

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3,30 RACING CHANNEL HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,556; 1m 2(46yd) (12)

7-2 Indum, 9-2 Bold Opental, 6-1 Timo Can Tall, 8-1 Healt Di Amor, Epones Tartan Perly, 10-1 Others

4.00 BRISTOL ROVERS HANDICAP

3-1 Grey Knigdom, 5-1 Bata Venture 7-1 Rum Term, 8-1 Interes: Bright Paragon 10-1 Plying Hamild 12-1 others

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17 186- ROUFONTAINE 200 (0.F.6.5) W Nam 6-10-0 R Maydin (3) 95
19 100-4 PINE CREEK 8] (0.F.1) Fading 4-9-13 ... Pat Edday
2 14 26-1 SMARTY PHANTOM 213 (0.F.6) 1-16/15 4-9-11 M Many (3) 91
2 150 AFDN ALWEN 196 (F) 5 Williams 4-9-15 M Many (3) 91
3 16 5 100 LAST LAURH 174 (0.F.6) N SMARTY 5-9-9 B Dayle 6 (7) 4460 HELL FARMI DANCER 17 (0.F.8) SMARTOM 5-9-9 B Charles 15
6 (6) 5-0-00 ON THE WILDSIDE 5 M Charles 4-9-0 P Marghy (5) 91
6 (6) -342 PORTITE SOPRIE 5 (6) M Britton 4-7-10 D Mercagin (7) 99
13 (10) 056- BROWER MAGUETTE 300 R SIMPSON 7-7-10 R Phanch (5) 95 9-4 Pile Creck, 3-1 Portite Soothe 7-2 Magain Projection 6-1 Koutomaine 10-2 Alon Alwen Hill Parm Clauser 12-1 others

5.15 Idiotic, 5.45 Secret Bay, 6.15 Undawate scubadiva. 6.50 Struggles Glory. 7.20 Slievenamon Mist. 7.50 Able Player. Carl Evans: 5.15 Idiotic, 5.45 Billion Dollarbill. 6.50 Struggles Glory. 7.20 Slievenamon Mist.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

5.15 ROBERT LENTON MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,147 3ml) (6 runners)

9-4 Idente: 5-2 Dremon Leader, 3-1 Kurshbaloo, 7-1 Tammy s Friend, 18-1 Woody Well 12-1 Kino

5.45 GEOFFREY BEVAN MEMORIAL NOVICES

HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,220: 3m) (10) UNTERS CHASE (ARTRIEUS T.1.210 Str) (**)

1 RPP2 CARDINAL RED 17P (E.F.G.S.) I Turner 10-12-7 A Sansonne (5)

2 1111 SECRET BAY 15 (F.G.) C Dennic B-12-7. S Swiers

3 -191 BRUON DOLLARBOL 199 (F.G.) May P felbry 8-12-0 M Gorman (7)

4 00-U COOL BANDT 6EP May D Gressol (**)

6 S-PP LOYAL GART 17 (**) A Dartagon 9-12-0 Andrew Martin (7)

5 S-PP LOYAL GART 17 (**) A Dartagon 9-12-0 Andrew Martin (7)

7 UAR'S NOTARY-NOWELL 10P (B.G.) Mrs R Philangton 11-12-0 R J Barrati (7)

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R J Barnell (7)
8 4533 SMART PAL 25P (6) 8 Xnor 12-12-0 Mrs F Needhath (7)
9 -U15 TAU 10P (F) Miss F McLastian 12-12-0 A Wart (7)
10 PDP2 SPACE MIDLLY 16P (8) Mrs N Let 8-11-9 Mr P Cowley (7) 6-4 Secret Bay 3-1 Cardinal Red, 7-1 Billion Dollarbdi, 9-1 Tau 10-1 afters

6.15 sps advertising amateur riders NOVICES HURDLE (£2,250 2m 110yd) (9)

5-4 Absolute Lumit 5-1 Guide Path, 6-1 Undanguerscularding, 10-1 others

(£3,015. 5f 11yd) (15) (\$3,015. 51 11yd) (15)

1 (4) 0.21 Beaut Venture 19 (C.D.F.G.S) 9 Patient 9-10-0 B Doyle 90

2 (12) 0863 MYRAASH 28 (F.6) 0 Feedin Ames 5-9-12 Per Eddery 90

3 121 700- SHARP STOCK 351 R Hodges 4-9-12 S Drowne 90

4 (11) 0-06 CRYSTAL HEISTIS 10 (F.G.R 07 Selfiam 9-3-12 S Sanders 85

5 (6) 0-02 RYPER 127 (7) 240649 4-9-9 R Presco (6) 85

6 (13) 440- TINGER OSMASTON 272 (C.D.F) M Sanders 6-3-8

7 (7) 15-4 ANDKATO 17 (B.D.BF.R) k hony 3-8-13 M History (3) 85

8 (5) 90-0 BYS FOLLY 19 S Don 4-8-11 D McKnown 85

9 (14) 33-4 JUNN O'DREAMS 12 (D.G.S) MS 4-Ning 12-8-3 M Reberms 85

19 (15) 3113 GREY KINGDOM 4 (BF.G) M Britton 6-6-7 (Co.)

10 McMargo 17)

11 (10) 00-5 FLYING HAROLD 24 M Cristian 4-8-1 M Adams 84

12 (8) 440- TES-ERM 371 (B.D.F.G) R Serrozon 7-7-10 F Rotton 85

13 (13) 05-04 BROWN PARAGON 8 (0.6) K hony 3-7-10 Manus Dwyer (3) 85

14 (11) 0-00 MSTER SEAN 8 (8) J Bridley 4-7-10 J Found (7)
3-1 Grey Knigdom 5-1 Beau Venture 7-3 From Tern 8-1 Internet Bright Paragon

4.30 PENSFORD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,188: 5f 11yd) (11)

DAMDE TUBES (L'Arrustines 8-8 S. Sanders — S. S. Sanders — Pat Eddety — S. Sanders — Pat Eddety — S. Sanders — S. Sanders — S. Sanders — Pat Eddety — S. Sanders — S. Sanders — Pat Eddety — S. Sanders — Pat Eddety — S. Sanders — S. Sanders — Pat Eddety — S. Sanders — S. Sanders — Pat Eddety — Pat Eddety — S. Sanders — S. Sanders — Pat Eddety — S. Sanders — Pat Eddety — P SCENE M Meade 7-12 45 SOLWAY LASS 19 P Ecoles 7-13 5-2 Whisky Mack, 7-2 Standon Frank 5-1 Cloudbary, 7-1 Europe, 16-1 comms.

5.00 EMPIRE FILLES HANDICAP

HUNTINGDON 6.50 HUNTINGDON RESTRICTED SERIES

Amateurs: £1,548: 3m) (10)

1 1111 STRUGGLES GLORY 17 (D.F.G) & Robinson 6-12-7

D.C. Robinson (7)

2 -111 MISTER SPECIATION 24P & His & Histon 8-12-8

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RESEA (1854) B-12-8 N Bloom (7) (Amateurs: £1.548: 3m) (10) 3 1113 BALLYALIA CASTIE 31P B.G9 No. 1 Pace 8-12-0 N Bloom (7)
4 332P GRASSINGTON 24P 6F 5 0.000 5-12-0 Scott Dona (7)
5 4-13 GREVBLIRY STAR 59P (G) No. 1 D 9-12-0
6 43P SOME TOWNIST 59P N Develored 9-12-0
7 23- YARRY ANNALE 16P (60 C Holor 11-12-0) Gomes (7)
8 -F11 TARKAS RASCAL TYP (F.S.) F. Beccom 3-12-6 Ferrotran (7)
9 4214 CURRENT ATTRACTION 10P H Not 11-11-19
10 66F2 GRE IT A BASH 25P (F) No. 2 (Lover 3-11-9) Tillower (7)

7-4 Strugglet Glory, 5-2 Misler Speciation 7-1 Ballication Catalog B-1 others. 7.20 DR WAKES-MILLER GOTH BIRTHDAY HUNTERS CHASE (Amaleurs: £1,240: 2m 4f 110yd) (15)

| 1.11 | SUEVENAMON MIST 57 (D.F.) 7 | Deveal 11-12-7 | Julies 68 | 2-4523 | HOLELTON LAD 29 (D.F.) 6 | Morgan 9-12-5 | Morgan 2-1 Stevensman Med. 6-1 Rembelda Partities, 5-1 Indi-Stev Lad, 55; Young Etza 10-1 Not My Line Counterbid, 12-1 Malang Time 14-1 others

7.50 EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,338: 2m 51 110yd) (6)

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: K. Bailey, 26 winners horo 72 numbers, 35 ffs. 1 Peace, 7 norm 32, 21,9%, J. Giffond, 16 from 76, 21 ffs. 130 other qualifiers.

LOCKEYS. No qualifiers.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER 2.15 Jib Jab. 2.45 Fame Again. 3.15 Captain Jones. 3.45 Change For A Buck. 4.15 Santa Rosa. 4.45 Princess Topaz. 5.20 Dancing Cavaller. 5.50 Ciro's Pearl.

DRAW. 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.15 MEADOWS SELLING STAKES

(3-Y-O: £1,985: 61 15yd) (18 runners)

101 -084 BLAZING CASTLE 8 £7 W G M Tumer 9-4. D McGallin (7) 14
102 -053 DOCKLANDS CARRUAGE 6 (7) 0.5) M Tumbr 9-4 R Cachane 2
103 -003 GUNNERS (30 W 8 (8,95 £) B Machan 9-4 ... J Rada 6
104- 0341 ADVANCE REPRO 28 (8,0 £,6) J Jachards 8-13. K Fallon 11
105 00-0 DONT FORCET SYROKA 18 (35.5) IS Moone 8-13 W J O'Canner 3
106 6306 HEAVERLY MISS 19 (CD.F. 8) J Bridger 8-13 ... G Dufffeld 1
107 105-1 MUNICIPAL (80 M. 8 (2D.F.) 8 Pallon 8-13 W J O'Canner 3
108 0-0-20 SYCEES FLYER 8 (8£,6) H Thomason 8-13 ... N Councetten 16
109 600- JR JUB 238 Mas M Machaner 9-12 ... D O'Donochor (3) 18
100 LOCKSLL A Swith 8-12 ... M Bach 7
111 0-20 MALDE TWIST 28 (87,6) H Thomason 8-12 ... J F Egun 10
112 -053 ROCKLARDUNDTHECLOCK 8 (8) P Fenne 8-12 ... J F Egun 10
113 00- WITNEY-LA-ROCKE 1941 J S Moure 8-12 ... J F Egun 10
114 MISS PETREFINE 8 GOOS 8-7 ... P Bincytrified 9
115 MYSTICAL (9) MM L SANDS 8-7 ... A Cachana 12 (3-Y-0: £1,985: 6l 15yd) (18 runners)

2.45 BRADMORE FILLIES HANDICAP

(£3,226: 61 15yd) (18) (\$3,226: 61 15yd) (18)

201 20-1 DRAME MESS-P 11 (D.F) A Invex 4-8-13 ... W J O'Comm' 2
202 00-0 A, REET 28 (D.S.S) S Bountup 6-9-9 ... F Boyle (7) 12
202 03-3 SHARF IT SHOY (181 C 1881 4-9 0 B Daffeed 17
204 5000 SREE WITH THE BAND 12 (F.S) 8 Inchinato 6-9-0 L Newton 6
205 101-0 COPNICLE QUEST 175 (D.F.G.S) M Creama 4-8-12 R Hughes 14
206 5-00 FAME ASSAN 21 (B.F.G.S) Mr. T Remotin 5-8-12 ... J Fortrace 9
207 6-00 TIME FOR TEA 19 C Cyte 4-8-11 ... D CYSHE 18
208 131- ROBEC GIR. 198 (A.G.) N McNebba 3-8-10 ... J F Egen 1
29 5000 LACRESS TO 10 Store 4-8-8 D TO 198-18
210 4-0-8 CANDY MATE 85 W Bind 4-8-8 ... D TO 198-18
211 40-8 AYBECGEL 34 (5) 187-3 LOCA 3-4-7 ... M Buch 13
212 9-00 RUBS W THE FAMELY 28 (B.D.S) 6 Inform 5-8-1 M Buch 13
213 9-00 RUBS W THE FAMELY 28 (B.D.S) 6 Inform 5-8-1 M Sensour 5-500 LEGDRU OF AVASORY 10 (G.) J Store 3-8-7 ... M Buch 13
215 5500 BALLARD LADY 10 (D.G.S.) J Warnenget 5-8-1 J Chem 8
215 5500 BALLARD LADY 10 (D.G.S.) J Warnenget 5-8-1 J Chem 8
216 2400 DELROB 17 (B.D.F.) D Waydo Junez 5-8-1 D Remove (S) 12
217 00-9 APPRL LACKSON 40 P Delmo 3-7-10 ... P Ressay (S) 10
218 440- NOTHERSELD PARK 258 (G) C Smeth 5-7-10 ... M Baid (S) 7
6-1 Shapp 15 Story, 8-1 Down Miss-P, Fame Ragum, Antoning 1, 10-1 Lugual 01

6-1 Sharp 'N: Sharly, 8-1 Donne Mess-P, Fame Agam, Astengiri, 18-1 Luyand Ol. Aragon: Connecte: Quest, 10-1 Rober, Grif Enviror, Breazo: 12-1 albans

3.15 PORCHESTER NOVICE MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,277: 51 13yd) (12) 4-1 Young Tow, S-1 Prince Foley, Suprancy, 5-1 Blashing Victoria, Captain Jorda 8-1 () Flagure, 18-1 Russy Babe, Smill Time, 12-1 offers

3.45 RADFORD MAIDEN STAKES (Div 1: 3-Y-0 fillies: £3,837: 1m 54yd) (13)

(£3,252: 1m 6f 15y0) (18) 1 09-5 LALEDI 19 (F.E.S.) A Stomet 8-10-8 ... 3 Withwork 2 025- BELMARITA 473 G Harbard 4-9-12 G Carter 18 3 15-4 DANCING CAVALER 8 (CD.5) R Holandeed 4-9-12 F Lynch 19) 14 4 0-90 BDWLED DVRR 17 (67 C Dvzz 4-9-11 ... R Falton 12 5 9-63 SEA RRESDOM 19 (VS) E Berling 5-9-7 ... A Clark 15 6 0-52 CHARMOOD LARX 7 (Carabel 4-9-4 ... R Price 15 7 1-04 ARCAD 19 6-63 L Harts 4-9-4 ... L Carall 6 8 29-5 CORRE 18 (D.F) P Chies 4-9-2 ... M Birch 10 9 0-53 CHARBOOL 18 97 I Chreme 4-9-2 ... M Birch 10 9 0-53 CHARBOOL 18 97 I Chreme 4-9-2 ... M Birch 10 9 0-54 STEPLEF DISJ (F.E) J Hills 6-9-0 ... R 1-88 7 11 586 TDINLERRE 11 (D.S.) B Machiner 6-9-11 ... 13 Sprais 1 2 0-9-0 MCS 607 WRIGS 19 87 Mars 18 marches 4-9-10 ... J Forture 13 14 3850 MCS HER FOR ALLES 30 N Bathage 4-9-11 ... 13 Sprais 1 14 3850 MCS HER FOR ALLES 30 N Bathage 4-9-11 ... 13 Sprais 1 15 000 MCS 607 WRIGS 19 87 Mars 18 marches 4-9-10 ... J Forture 13 14 3850 MCS ATT FARE 8 (E) J Homes 5-9-8 ... N Day 11 16 000-6 MORSCHOG 18 (D.F) R Alleburd 5-9-5 ... D Allebord 16-9 ... D Allebord 17 49-1 18 000-6 MORSCHOG 18 (D.F) R Alleburd 5-9-5 ... D Allebord Caraller , 10-1 Bathamata , 10-1 Barelod Over Cimbral, 12-1 Charrasood Juck 14-1 others.

5.50 RADIFORD MAIDEN STAKES (Div B: 3-Y-0 filles: £3,512: 1m 54yd) (13)

J Quinn b
T Quinn b
T Quinn 13
D Blogs 9
S Canter 11
R Hills 2
W J (*Corner 1
C Ruise 12
S Reption (*)
H Cochrate 9-4 Calon Mecolo, 3-7 Caro's Pearl, 7-2 Managel, 7-1 Sellade, 10-1 Assail: Cases, 12-1 Ar Hyd Y Kots, Onlama, 14-1 Woodleck, 16-1 calors.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPS: It Salvage, 3 wheers from 9 namers, 23.3%, M. Priscoll, 9 from 31, 73,0%, H Castl, 36 from 61, 25.2%; Mrs. J Castl, 6 from 28, 21.4%, R Charliso, 7 from 33, 21.2%, J Dumlop, 16 from 194, 17.3% ADCREYS: D Superity, 3 witners from 19 rides, 30.0%, J Reid, 13 from 74, 17 6%, A Wiselan, 3 from 18, 16.7%, T Cutton, 13 from 82, 15.9%, G Dutlield. 13 from 98, 13.3%. T Sprain, 12 from 90, 13.3%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Pontefract Going: good

2.45 (5) 1. Classey Cleo (Pai Eddery, 5-2)-tan; 2. Our Life Magic (4-1), 3, Mamma's 80; (5-2 julan) 9 rain MR Bagar Gnt, 14t, al. R Hammon Tote 53.20, 87.30, 81.40, \$\times\$1.50 \text{DF} \text{ Fig. 10} 3.15 (Im 41 Byd) 1, Baby Jone P Bloom-lield, 5-2 lav), 2, Lindrer Lody (12-1); 3, Fortune Hopper (12-1), 14 ma, 13-1, 91 R Guest, Toe 5-2.0, 6, 10, 6, 20, 23 00 OF 527 70 Trio £361 70 CSF £31 46 245 (6) 1. Night Pilght 0: Falson 33-1); 2. Be Warned (16-1); 3. Grey Ringdom (5-4 tay); 4. Bouters Boy (25-1); 17 ran 33:; 1. J. J. O'Ned Tote (23-4 0: 4 6: 00: 53-40: £1 10; 55: 20: DE 6736:00 Trio. £461:10. CSF: 2657.42 Tricas; 51.117:00

4.15 (1m 4yd) 1 Gymcrek Flyer (F Falon, 4-1) 2 Epic Stand (3-1 ta.); 3, Godge (8-1) 19 ran 11, 11 G Holmes Tota £5 30, £2 00. £1 60, £4,00 DF £11 40 Trio £71 20 CSF E13 61 4,45 (2m 51 122yd) 1 All On (FI Firench, 10-1); 2, Aardwori (5-1), 3, High Five (11-2), 4, Thornsoun Estate (33-1; Upper Mount Clas 9-2 fav 16 ran 7t, 14 J Hellherton Tale £11.70 52:50 52:00 57.70, 77.90 OF £56 60 Tro \$307.80 CSF \$49.33 Theast \$286.25

5.15 (1m 3/6)(d) 1, Road Racer (J Fortune, 9-1); 2. Shaffisheyes (4-1 k-fev), 3, Auguston (5-1) Danegold 4-1 k-fev, 13 ran. Sh tad, 31 Mrs J Remoden, Totor £10.60; 23.60, £1.60, £2.50 DF: £30.70 Trior £51.40, CSF; £40.38 Throad £192.04. Jeckpot: not won (pool of £15,882.37 carried lorward to Notlingham today). Placepot: £36.60. Quadpot: £18.30.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.00 (fm-4) 1, Carrolla Marc floris Wands, 33-1): 2, Ai Liberty (7-4 law), 3, Betabarno (2-1) 10 ram So Ind. 41 C Murray, Tole 518 80; 57 90, 51 30, 51-40, DF: 527 50 Trib: \$22 50 CSF, \$32 62. 2.30 (fm) 1, Keep Alert (G Fauliner, 12-1). 2. Rheinbold (7-1); 3, Mr Paradise (4-6 tav) 13 say 14, 51, M Bell Tote: £19 00: £4 20. £2 20, £1,10 DF: £88.50 Tno £24 90 CSF: £88.70

3.00 (fm 4) 1, Champagne Warrier (L Chartock, 8-1), 2, Greenspan (13-8 lav), 3, Grand Dru (6-1), 10 ran, 2, 61 M Cernachto, Tote: E13 00 • 52 40, £1 60, £1 40, DF, £16 70 Tno £13 40 CSF £20 £3. 3.30 (1m) 1, Takhid (Miss R Clark, 12-1); 2, Montone (12-1); 3. Benjamins Law

[33-1]; 4, Commin Up (33-1) Cals Boltom 5-1 lgv. 16 ran 2%, 1L D Chapman Tole 526 t0; C3 10, C3 30, 58 00, 514 00 DF: 589.00. The not wen (pool of 5343.27 carsed bowerd to 2 45 at Notingham today). CSF: \$141.26 Theast \$2,425.02. 4.00 (6) 1, Forcing Bid (G Duffield, 4-1 tay): 2, Swantstand (10-1), 3, Switt (7-1), 14 ran 2-4, 44 Sh Mark Prescott Toter C5 60: 92.00, Pc 50, E2 20. DF E38 90. Trac: E79,10, CSF, E41,70, Tricast E264 38. 4.30 (5) 1, My Bal (G Parlan, 9-2), 2. Branslon Berry (11-10 lav); 3. Daynabee (10-1), 7 ren. NR: Frunch Hd, 6i M W Eastarby Tote 14.50; 52.90, 51.80 DF: 54.70 GSF 59.25.

64.70 CSF 199.75.
5.00 (77) 1, Shematon Gurl (Martin Dwyer, 33-1); 2, Poker Percese (10-1); 3, Deyrella (20-1), Muscadarra 7-4 fav 14 san 1%1, S. N Littmoden, Toter (33 50, 14-50, 05 30, 19 70 DF, 2580,30, Trey rol won (pool of 230 55 carried terward to 2 45 at Notingham boday) CSF (238 50 Tricest 25,142,34

ab, 19039 5.30 (1ml 1, Island Sanctuary (5 Sanders, 13-10 law); 2, Carlouche (7-2); 3, Going Green (10-1) 13 ran Mr. 191. P. Malon Tote: 18 00, £1 50, £1.80, £3 40, DF-25.30. Tito: 120 80, CSF, £4 91

Confined: 1, Divine Chance (A Sansome, 33-1) 10 rain Rest 1 Reverend Brown (A Sansome, 7-4 ray) 11 rain. Men's Open 1, Druid s Lodge (C Ward-Thomas, 3-1) 7 rain. Ladies: 1, St Gregory [Mrs L. Gibbon, 4-7 ray) 6 rain. Open Mdn (5-7yo) 1 1, Holding The Asse (T Lane, 7-2) 8 rain. Open Mdn (5-7yo) Il 1, Regency Cottage (W Wales 5-2), 8 rain. Open Mdn (8yo+) 1, Beech Brook (T Lane, 12-1) 9 rain. RACELINE



CRICKET: UNHERALDED BOWLER DELIVERS VICTORY FOR WARWICKSHIRE WITH FIVE-WICKET DISPLAY

Brown rips rivals apart at the seams

By JOHN THICKNESSE

won toss): Warwickshire (2pts) beat Worcestershire by six

TURNING up was about all Warwickshire needed to do to win their opening group A Benson and Hedges Cup match at New Road. Worcestershire, batting pitifully, were dispatched for 96 in 37 overs and, by 5pm, had been buried by their fellow Midlanders.

It was a good toss for Andy Moles to win, but not so good that Dougie Brown, 27, nor-mally fourth seamer, should take five for 31 — two wickets better than his previous com-petition best — after taking the new ball and bowling his ten overs in one spell.

That Stuart Lampitt topscored from No 9 and the lastwicket stand was worth more than double the next highest says all there is to say about the Worcestershire batting. Accurately as Brown bowled. the home side would expect to score 180 to 200 if they could

have another go at it. Batting with little distinction in reply. Warwickshire were 36 for four by the fourteenth over. Lampitt and Newport sharing the wickets. But Worcestershire had too few runs to play with and, as soon as Ostler and Penney applied themselves, Warwick-shire cruised home. They had 19.4 overs in hand when Ostler made the winning hit.

Brown's figures were all the more unexpected for his opening offering being confidently pulled for six by Rhodes, who

WORCESTER (Warwickshire had so much time for the waiting on the back foot for seconds. Within a couple of overs, however, the innings began to fall to pieces. Ostler taking a sharp low catch in the gully from a sliced

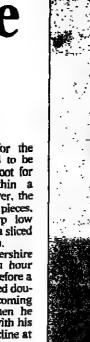
square drive by Weston. Not only did Worcestershire fail to recover, but an hour and a quarter passed before a batsman even penetrated dou-ble figures, Solanki becoming the first to do so when he pulled Welch for two with his team in irreversible decline at 39 for six.

There was movement both through the air and off the pitch for the four Warwickshire seamers, in Brown's case mainly in from the off side off the ground; Worcestershire, naturally, would also have fielded had Moody won the toss. Even making allowances for the help the bowlers got, however, it was a woeful piece of batting, not least in stroke selection.

When Rhodes, square-cutting, was bowled off the inside edge in Brown's third over, the warning lights should have been flashing in the Worcestershire dressing-room. But it seemed that Moody could not have been watching. Twenty minutes later, in Brown's fifth over. Moody was out in much the same way, bowled via the inside edge by what, to a man of 6ft 6in, was a good length ball while attempting a backfoot force through extra cover. Brown's next victim, Spir-

ing, leg-before for nought at 28

for four, was a rarity - a



Brown, whose spell with the new ball put Worcestershire on the way to defeat, appeals for leg-before against Hick

batsman genuinely beaten by pace and movement off a full attacking length. But the next two were no more nor less than giveaways and Hick, on whom his side was so dependent, was one of them.

Rhythmically as Donald bowied in a six-over spell with the new ball, during which there were four maidens, Hick was seeing the ball early enough to leave five balls alone in one over. Yet directly Welch replaced Donald, for

the thirteenth over, Hick incomprehensibly tried to hit his second ball over the top for four, only to drag it to mid-on. It was not a stroke calculated to recommend him to David Lloyd, the watching England

Nevertheless, in the next over Leatherdale capped it. With Worcestershire in the soup at 33 for five, he aimed to square-cut a ball from Brown that, had he left it, John

a wide. Instead, he edged it to the wicketkeeper. Solanki and Haynes added

19 for the seventh wicket, but it was only when Newport joined Lampitt for the tenth that conditions and bowling were put into perspective. Despite Donald bowling four of the 12 overs that it took them to add 40, Warwickshire had to call up Giles, the slow lefthander, to break the stand, Lampitt slicing him to back-

☐ India have sought the help of two leading experts from New Zealand to improve their lifeless pitches. Keith McAuliffe, director of the New

Zealand sports turf institute, and Russel Smith, head groundsman at Fitzherbert Park, in Palmerston North, are visiting cricketing centres in India to conduct soil tests, study the methods adopted to prepare pitches and suggest measures that might be used

carving ambitiously at a ball outside off stump from the lively Betts and giving Speight the easier of his two

Dowman looked good until he got out, but a more significant loss was that of Johnson, who tried to work the extravagantly to leg and was bowled by Boiling. Much today may depend on Archer, who played elegantly through the on side in moving

This is a match devoid of overseas players. Nottinghamshire are hoping that the back injury that Mohammad Akram, their signing, sustained in the Test he is playing in Colombo will not prevent him joining them later this week, even if it keeps him out of a one-day tournament in India next

Derbyshire rely on Adams to salvage their pride

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

LAKENHAM (Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire with eight wickets in hand. require 91 from 18 overs to beat Minor Counties

IF DERBYSHIRE head down the long and winding Benson and Hedges Cup road to Lord's, they will remember this salutory warning. They bowled badly, looked to a batting line-up lacking substance and thanked their lucky stars for Chris Adams. the man England have

Adams thrashed 95 not out. with ten fours and three sixes from 83 balls, and resumes today in flourishing partner-ship with Dean Jones. During a bizarre attempt to beat the weather and win the match before the third and terminal rain stoppage, Devon Mal-colm batted at No 3 with a brief but violent flourish. Much of the day had belonged to the Minor Counties.

The butcher, baker and candlestick-maker buckled down to this annual challenge, delving somewhat star-ry-eyed into the world of other professionals. This time, it was the Newark florist, Mark Fell, and the factory superviser, Richard Dalton, of Bedfordshire, who took up

the cudgels.

From the depths of nine for two, the Minor Counties, with only six previous competition wins in various guises from 129 games, reached the peaks of 256 for seven — only 16 runs short of their highest total when the competition was five

overs longer.

These delights also put
Derbyshire's support bowling
into perspective. It was abject.
Once Phillip DeFreitas and Malcolm disappeared from the attack, Andrew Harris and the left-armers. Kevin Dean and Glenn Roberts. were dispatched with ease.

Fell, 36, in his Lincolnshire testimonial year, made 67 from 69 balls with a six and seven fours against the county he represented 12 years ago after his release by Nottinghamshire.

Dalton, a past captain of the England Indoor XI and a tourist to South Africa with their squad last winter, also enjoyed himself hugely, hitting four sixes and eight fours

in a 59-ball innings of 76. Their batting, together with 43 not out from Stewart Laudat, also illustrated that the pitch was not what it appeared, despite the venerable Wayne Larkins making a 12-ball duck on his Minor Counties debut. Slow and with a green top, it offered precious little movement and Derbyshire's outfielding was

Scotland reeling as Maddy signals humiliation

By RICHARD HOBSON

LEICESTER (Scotland won toss): Leicestershire beat Scotland by 178 runs

A SCOTTISH bowler took five wickets in the Benson and Hedges Cup yesterday, but, unfortunately for Scotland, Dougie Brown was playing for Warwickshire rather than the country of his birth. Officials remain optimistic that Brown will make himself available for the World Cup in 1999, but, on this evidence, the Scotland attack will need further reinforcements to avoid acute embarrassment when they face Australia and the

West Indies.
Eight of the squad that secured third place in the ICC Trophy had exhausted their holiday entitlement in Malaysia and were pursuing their various full-time occupations yesterday. Those who ap-peared at Grace Road might have wondered what pleasure they truly derived from taking such an emphatic beating on a

dreary afternoon. Leicestershire's total of 37 for six was the second-highest in the competition and the best since it moved to a 50-over format last season. The tempo became increasingly rapid and Darren Maddy was only denied the century his wristy strokeplay merited when he was caught at long leg at-tempting to reach that landmark in the grand manner.

Scotland were effectively attempting to conduct a damage limitation exercise even dur-ing the later stages of an opening stand of 159 in 25 overs between Maddy and Ian Sutcliffe. Aftab Habib recorded a half-century from 34 balls thereafter, John Dakin struck 28 from just 14 and Graham Huribatt suffered the ignominy of having to open a gate and run into Milligan Road to retrieve the longest hit of the day from Gregor McMillan, whose parents were born in Scotland. Huribatt might

have tried to lock himself out. Scotland, too, began comfortably, but lost wickets regularly once Bruce Patterson had his leg stump removed by Dakin at the end of a first-wicket stand of 76 with lain

Leicestershire expect to be strengthened tomorrow by the arrival of Neil Johnson in time to play against Nottingham shire in their next group B fixture. They finally completed the signing of the 27-year-old South African all-rounder after protracted negotiations yesterday. Johnson, a lefthanded betsman and medium-pace bowler, was originally contracted to play for Netherfield and Leicester have paid £7,500 in compensation to the Northern League side.

Boon provides bedrock for renewed ambition Simon Wilde, who is following Durham's Benson and Hedges campaign

Tictory is not a word that often appears in the vocabulary of Durham cricketers, but they may be uttering the word today after their Benson and Hegdes Cup group B match was carried over when the fourth rain interruption ended yester-

Nottinghamshire will resume this morning on 94 for three, 26 overs into their reply to Durham's workmanlike 230 for five — a total that may just prove sufficient on a typically slow Trent Bridge pitch. With Robinson, Dowman and Johnson out, Nottinghamshire will have to play well to reach their target.
In view of the fact that they have

won only once against county opposition since the start of the 1996 season, Durham hardly go into matches

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this week, sees them get off to a promising start against Nottinghamshire

started the process of strengthening

With Nottinghamshire's assortment of seamers moving the ball around, the first-wicket partnership of 82 between Lewis and Collingwood gave Durham just the steady start

They both fell within the space of four overs, Collingwood bowled by the tidy Bates one short of a deserved half-century and Lewis caught leg-before by Archer for 38. Boon came in

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oveburdened with self-belief, but to act as the rock on which the rest of natural game. already there are signs that David the innings was built, the more Boon, their new captain, has already important as Morris was missing, nursing the injured thumb that he suffered in the opening champion-ship match at Old Trafford last week.

He lifted Tolley for one effortless six over mid-wicket, but generally contented himself with working the ball around. His unbeaten 64 - his third in four innings for his new county — occupied 73 balls but more importantly he saw to it that he stayed until the end of the 50 overs, enabling the likes of Roseberry, Speak and Speight to play their most

Roseberry, who spent the winter become as elusive as the Holy Grail, showed one or two classy touches, only for it to go to his head.

He danced down the pitch once too often to Bates and was comfortably stumped by Noon. Noon later brought Speak's highest innings for his new club to an end with a fine running catch from a top-edged pull. Nottinghamshire could have done with Robinson dropping anchor in the style of Boon, but he was strangely unfaithful to his character.

serenely to 34.

HOVE (Hampshire won toss):

THE Sri Lanka opening bowlers and batsmen combined to put their side in a strong position on the third day of the second Test against Sri Lanka in Colombo

Sri Lanka

open way

for victory

By Our Sports Staff

yesterday.
At the close, Sanath
Jayasuriya and Russell Arnold had consolidated some good work from Chaminda Vaas and Sajeewa de Silva, the seam bowlers, by sharing an unfinished partnership of 102, giving Sri Lanka an overall lead of 141. The first Test in the two-match series was drawn. Jayasuriya was undefeated on 61, scored off 123 balls with six fours, and Arnold, playing in only his

The Pakistan attack was depleted by the absence of Mohammad Zahid and Shahid Nazir, the fast bowlers, who were both suffering from back injuries. Pakistan also lost the services of Moin Khan, the wicketkeeper, who did not take the field in the Sri Lanka second innings because of a painful

second Test, was 29 not out.

right heel. Sri Lanka capitalised on these injuries to take a firstinnings lead of 39, with Vaas and Sajeeva de Silva taking nine wickets between them to dismiss Pakistan for 292 at

Sri Lanka took the last four Pakistan wickets for 16 runs. three of them being claimed by Sajeeva de Silva, who finished with figures of five

for 85 in his second Test. Moin was dismissed two runs short of his fourth Test century after an exhilarating innings which lasted only 109 balls and included three sixes and nine fours.



Sussex (2pts) beat Hampshire

DOWN the years, the Benson and Hedges Cup is not a competition in which Sussex have excelled. They have nev-er reached the semi-finals and. in their last three encounters with Hampshire, have not won once. Hence this victory, achieved after a heavy defeat the previous day and batting initially yesterday without much initiative, was to be

A partnership between two of their more itinerant cricketers effectively won the match. Sussex were 117 for five and then 144 for six, having been put in to bat, when Bill Athey was joined by Paul Jarvis. Together, they added 87 in ten overs through the kind of judicious strokes that come with years of experience. Hampshire, in spite of two

useful innings by Stephenson and Hayden, simply did not possess sufficient depth of batting. Theirs is likely to be a

long season. So, after being beaten by Northamptonshire the previous day, this was just the fillip Sussex needed. That applied, not least, to Robin Marlar, their new chairman, who was nursing a badly swollen arm yesterday. He announced that



Tony Pigott is now to be chief executive on a permanent basis. The former fast bowler is also on an MCC committee and, consequently, has retired from playing in any competi-tions, including The Cricketer

Both chairman and chief executive were keen to glean what they could from their Hampshire counterparts about ground development. Sussex have not excluded the idea of moving from Hove and wanted to find out about the forthcoming venue near Southampton airport that will be Hampshire's new home.

On the field, the mix of old sweats and not-so-young individuals that comprise this Sussex side showed they could yet fare better than expected this season. In Neil Taylor, they have acquired a batsman who, judged solely on cricketing merit, would not have left Kent. He and the two Yorkshiremen, Athey and Jarvis. are the oldest members of

the team. There is still a place in the game for them and they all contributed yesterday. So, too, did Amer Khan, the

leg spinner who has come from Middlesex (and who is no relation of that fellow Lahorite who once played here). He deceived Kendall with a top spinner, bowled Aymes and had James legbefore as he was starting to give Stephenson the support that was needed when Hampshire's innings was faltering. The captain was last out, having managed only three fours in his innings of 65.

Hayden was likewise restricted, his 44 runs including just two fours. There was a little movement for the faster bowlers throughout the day, but not sufficient for such containment. The gold award went - for the first time in his long career - to Jarvis, who cut one back to remove Smith early in Hampshire's innings and took two other wickets to go with his unbeaten 42.

Russell will not budge over book

BY ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

CRICKET is set for another messy and protracted disciplinary case, once more involving a book and with Raymond Illingworth as a central character. This time, however, the author is Jack Russell, discarding his image as the uncomplaining martyr to deliver what he views as a few home truths about Illingworth's man-management style.

Russell confirmed yesterday that his book, Unleashed. which is already being serialised in a tabloid newspaper, will be published unaltered in three weeks' time, despite his failure to obtain the sanction of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) over the more sensitive passages. The ECB could suspend Russell, who threatens to retaliate in the courts.

Illingworth is portrayed in an unflattering light and, predictably, the retired chairman of selectors is none too pleased about it. Russell refers specifically to the winter tours to South Africa and the World Cup in 1995-96. when Illingworth was team

тападет. Russell maintains that he has not broken his contracts. either with Gloucestershire or as an England tourist, but he is aware that he could be charged with bringing the game into disrepute. Tim Lamb. chief executive of the ECB. said yesterday: The board will look at today's [newspaper] article and any subsequent ones and, if there are any concerns then, the matter will be referred to the

disciplinary committee."

Irani puts case for another chance Nobody was more grateful than Nasser BY PAT GIBSON seeing off the dangerous Watkin and then

CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss): Essex (2pts) beat Glamorgan by five wickets

RONNIE IRANI'S deflating experience on tour with England during the winter has not dampened his enthusiasm. He was not asked to play much in Zimbabwe and New Zealand and, when he was, his ability was called into question. Nevertheless, he is already demanding another chance in the forthcoming one-day inter-

nationals against Australia. He started the season with 49 and 123 not out in the county championship against Hampshire, scored another 48 in the Sunday league and yesterday saw Essex over their first, tricky Benson and Hedges Cup hurdle with an innings that could not have been more responsible and

Hussain, the Essex and England vicecaptain, who had ricked his neck so badly in the field that he was left sitting in the dressing-room taking pain killers and hoping that he would not have to

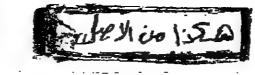
It looked as though he was going to have to go to the wicket when Essex, chasing a modest 211, began to make as big a hash of their innings as Glamorgan had done, but then Irani took control in partnership first with Danny Law and then Robert Rollins.

Irani, whose concentration had already been disturbed by a 40-minute stoppage for rain, was so confident that he even turned down the umpire's offer to go off for bad light when Watkin began his final spell. Law, who had helped put on 62 in 12 overs, fell to Watkin's third ball, but Irani lost no time in justifying his decision,

virtually settling the match by pulling Thomas for six and driving him for four.

He went on to finish unbeaten on 82, including two sixes and eight fours, off 97 balls, and, with Rollins joining him in an unbroken partnership of 54 in ten overs, Essex won with nearly seven overs to

It was comfortable in the end, but they had made hard work of it after Glamorgan had as good as surrendered the match by losing their last eight wickets for 69. They were going well when Morris and Maynard were putting on 73 in 15 overs, but Morris, looking for a second six off Such, was caught at deep square leg and Maynard got out in the next over. When the captain does something like that, it is difficult to blame anyone



CRICKET

Ealham's big finish sees Kent past resurgent Surrey

By JACK BAILEY

THE OVAL: Kent (2pts) beat Surrey by four wickers

SURREY bowled themselves back from the brink of certain defeat to come within sight of victory with one ball remaining. After looking all over losers when Kent needed 26 runs from six overs with six wickers in hand, Surrey so pegged them back in gloomy conditions that, when the last ball was bowled to Ealham, Kent still needed a single with a corden of fielders grouped round to prevent it. Ealham solved the problem by hoisting Ben Hollioake for six over deep mid-wicket to give Kent a

World Cup lessons have been learnt by English cricket, up to a point. The idea of scoring as many runs as possible in the first 15 overs, before the field disperses outside the circle, seems to have caught on in a big way. The disperses and the batsmen are caught betwixt and between. Yesterday, Surrey and Kent employed similarly aggressive tactics early on.

Yer, whereas Surrey suffered a mid-innings crisis after reaching 108 for one in their thirteenth over, Kent - with the benefit of knowing what they had to achieve - kept their shape better, so to speak. From 104 for one in 15 overs, they knew that they only had to bat steadily to achieve their target of 258. There were alarms and excursions in the closing stages, with Kent still needing seven to win from the

last over At the heart of their effort, Wells and Cowdrey built on the adventurous yet firm foun-dations laid by Walker and Ward, overcoming the brief hiarus caused by the loss of

Lehmann's absence raises questions

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 43 for no wicket against Lancashire

ALMOST £3 million has been spent in the winter smartening up Old Trafford and a notice pinned in the pavilion informs members that the club's target for the season is to win the county championship. About time, too, will be the reaction of most, though they will be equally reluctant to relinquish the one-day pots they have hunted with such

The Benson and Hedges Cup and NatWest Trophy are both on show in the museum. their presence appreciated all the more for the fact that Vorkshipe were heaten here in the semi-finals of each competition last year. The teams met again in the opening zonal

yesterday, but the Manchester weather ensured that the re-

union fell depressingly flat. Neither side flelded their overseas player and, if the absence of Wasim Akram was expected, that of Yorkshire's recent recruit, Darren Lehmann, was not.

Yorkshire, concerned that he has not batted competitively for a month, left him out yesterday and warned that the same may happen against Worcestershire tomorrow. Apart from begging a ques-

tion about precisely how Lehmann can demonstrate his readiness, it suggests that Yorkshire may be ambivalent on the issue of having an import at all.

David Byas, the captain, promoted himself to open and, in the 10.5 overs possible. put on 43 with Martyn Moxon, a useful platform for

Walker, whose 50 came from 62 balls with eight spanking fours, and Ward, who fell in the next over

At 136 for three, Kent were considerably better off than Surrey who, at a similar stage. had rumbled to 135 for six. thanks to some good bowling from Fleming and Strang and their own impetuosity. For his considerable part in helping Surrey to lose their way. Fleming, who captured five wickets in all, won the Gold Award. Running him close was Stewart's sparkling halfcentury, and Cowdrey's valiant 47 from 60 balls.

Surrey's 257, though a use ful total, was a disappointment for them after a start that was not only whirlwind in its conception, but devastating in its effect. McCague's first two overs cost 14 runs; Headley's

Ealham, brought on to steady things, conceded 27 from his first 12 balls. Stewart and Brown sent up the lifty after 29 balls. Surrey's first hundred came from 66 deliveries and it coincided with Stewart's half-century.

The loss of Brown, at 68, caused no faltering in Stewart's stride as Surrey, their batting order jumbled in the search for quick runs, laid about Kent. Stewart's dismissal, though, led to a nasty slide from which Surrey did well to recover, if only partially. Lightning reactions from Cowdrey at silly point, as Stewart advanced a pace or two, led to the Surrey opener being run out. When he left, Surrey were 108 for two in the thirteenth over and, before long, this had been translated

Thorpe survived a confident appeal for a catch at slip when he had made ten, but then grafted as the occasion demanded. Lewis contributed usefully as did Adam Hollicake, batting at No 8 in the reshuffled order, but with Fleming producing his best return in the competition with five for 54, the recovery fell

to 135 for six.



Declan Curry, the Ireland opening batsman, just succeeds in making his ground during his innings of 75 against Middlesex in Dublin yesterday. Report, page 56

Russell refuses to be rattled

(2pts) beat British Universities by 122 runs

ANYONE walking into the County Ground yesterday morning would have been forgiven for thinking that this was one of the outstanding Benson and Hedges Cup fixtures of the day, so great was the number of cameras on Unfortunately, they would have been wrong.

The cameras were there to capture Jack Russell. the Gloucestershire wicketkeeper. who, after the advance publicity for his book, with its adverse comments about Michael Atherton and Raymond Illingworth, now looks safe in adding the word "former" to his England title.

The photographers would also have liked to record

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire his comeback game, but that one will have to wait. The fast bowler had a muscle strain, unrelated to his suspect knee. and did not feature.

> The fuss that surrounded Russell did not affect his nerformance. He scored an umbeaten 28 from just 15 deliveries as Gloucestershire. after a solid 62 from Nick Trainor, overwhelmed the students' attack, with 114 coming from the last 11 overs. The unlikely rebel then took four catches as British Universities slumped to 63 for six before

> recovering to 159 all out. It might have been an award-winning performance, but Shaun Young, the latest Gloucestershire recruit from Australia, won the man-of-thematch award after scoring 52 from just 53 balls, sharing a partnership of 62 in seven

Alleyne, whose 32 came even more quickly, later completed the catch of the match when he clung on to a fullblooded drive from Tim Hodgson, the Universities opener, who had worked his way to a steady 23.

Chasing 282, the students were quickly in trouble, as Ed Smith and Anarug Singh, both of Cambridge, were caught behind without scoring, and Martyn Ball effectively ended the contest by taking four for 24, his best figures in the competition.

Toby Bailey made up for some indifferent work behind the stumps earlier in the day by scoring 52, completing his half-century with a pulled six off Mike Smith. Robin Martin-Jenkins also did a stout job for the students in picking up four wickets, even if three of

RUGBY UNION

New cup contest mooted

BY DANTO HANDS LIGHT CORRESPONDENT

THE schedule next season in England will include a league cup, if plans considered yesterday by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and representatives of the senior clubs come to fruition. It will be a Sunday competition, to ensure that club rugby can be sustained on a regular basis, even on weekends on which representative games take precedence.

This season, the clubs have had their lingers scorched by the failure of the Anglo-Welsh competition. It virtually sank without trace because of fixture overload, yet the need to build rest periods into a crowded season has to be halanced by the requirements of the professional clubs for a consistent revenue base.

The provisional structure for 1997-98 fits the league cup into November, when England play Australia, New Zealand and South Africa on four successive weekends, and then coincides with dates for the

five nations' championship. The concept involves firstdivision clubs, many of whom would lose their better players to England or England A at the same time, playing development XVs against the strongest XVs the seconddivision clubs could field.

However, there is some way to go before a league cup gets beyond the drawing board and there remains a body of opinion within the RFU that would retain divisional rugby

in some shape or form.
It would provide the matches needed by clubs, not only from a commercial point of view but from a competitive point of view, too, Kim Deshayes, the chief executive of English Rugby Parmership (ERP), the company charged with running the professional game, said. We hope all 24 clubs will agree, though it could go ahead with 20 or 16

A new Sunday competition could appeal to BSkyB, the satellite broadcasting company, which is part-owned by News International (nwners of The Times), which will have primary rights to English domestic rugby next season. although the coincidence with international rugby might IN BRIEF

Henman victim of inactivity

TIM HENMAN, the Great Britain No I. dropped one place to No lo, in the world rankings issued by the Association of Tennis Professionals yesterday, while Greg Rusedski remained at No 40. Henman has gone down because Alex Corretja, of Spain, who reached the final of the Monte Carlo Open, has moved up to No 13.

Henman and Rusedski. who have been inactive lately after injuries but are now practising regularly in London at Queen's Club, hope to return within the next two weeks. Rusedski intends to play in Hamburg next week and Henman is looking to compete at the Italian Open in Rome a week later.

Mark Petchev is the only other British man in the top 200. at No 191.

Hockey: The new English Hockey Association, shortly to be formed by the merger of the Hockey Association with the All England Women's Hockey Association, is seeking a full-time performance director. The appointment will entail a deep study of the performance of national leams and the development of leading players. The performance director will also lead the process of appointing a national coach for the men's team to cover the period ahead including the World Cup in Holland next year. David Whittle will continue as learn manager.

Rugby union: The play-offs to decide the last two promotion and relegation places between the Courage Clubs Championship first and second divisions will be played on May 7 and II. The clubs involved are Bristol and London Irish, from the first division, and Coventry and Bedford, from the second. The first division clubs have opted for home advantage in the second legs.

Lacrosse: Australia's 6-0 defeat of Canada on the second day of the women's World Cup in Tokyo yesterday has set a problem for England. who must now beat Australia or the United States to have any hope of a place in the final. Scotland struggled to beat Japan 9-4 yesterday, scoring six times in the last ten

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Benson & Hedges Cup

Essex v Glamorgan CHELMSFORD (Esses won toss): Essex Conel best Glerraroan by two wokels GLAMORGAN

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-22, 2-68, 3-141, 4-148, 5-155, 6-161, 7-180, 8-195, 9-196 BCWLING: fielt 10-1-38-3, Cowen 10-1-55-0; kan-10-0-42-3, Such 10-1-33-1, Grayson 9-3-0-39-3

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"P J Prichard & Shaw b Thomas
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A P Grayson & Maynerd b Dale
D R Lew & Shaw b Walkin
H J Rollins not out Edras (ib 4 w 1, nb 2) Total (5 with, 43.7 overs) . N Hussam, M C Rott, A P Covern and P M Such aid not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-82, 3-71, 4-95, 5-157 BOWLING: Walkin 10-2-27-1, Parkin 5-0-31-1; Dale 8-0-37-1; Thomas 5-0-60-2: Croft 10-0-33-0, Burcher 3 1-0-13-0, May-nard 1-0-6-0 Gold award, R.C. Varu Umpras B Dudarston and A G

Gloucestershire V British Universities BRISTOL (British Universities won loss) Gloudestershire (Optis) best British Univer-sities by 127 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-3, 2-8, 3-38, 4-43, 5-44, 6-63, 7-117, 8-141, 9-154 BOWLING Henesck 9 1-2-34-2; Smith 10-2-24-3; Young 4-0-8-0; Ball 10-3-23-4 Davis 10-2-35-0; Trainor 6-0-26-0 Gold award S Young Umpires D J Constant and J F Steele Lancashire v Yorkshire

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Surrey v Kent THE OVAL (Fierd won loss) here (2pts) bea SURREY

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Second Test match

THE FOOTBALL FILM An exclusive interview. Georgia on their minds. A preview of England's Johnny Depp on working vital World Cup qualifier with Al Pacino on the film against Georgia Donnie Brasco. at Wembley. IN TOMORROW'S **SNOOKER** INTERFACE Continued coverage The dark side of the from the Crucible as Internet. Cyber stalking Stephen Hendry pursues of the famous and what a seventh world title. can be done to stop it. CHANGING TIMES http://www.the-times.co.ak

GOLF: RYDER CUP VETERAN RECOVERS HIS TOUCH AS 1997 MATCH APPROACHES

Bruiser James back in the hunt

THE quarry has suddenly shown itself after remaining out of sight for an age and the old hunter has pricked up his ears. If history is anything to go by, he will not be satisfied until he has his teeth sunk firmly into his target's rump. It is Ryder Cup year. Mark James is back.

James won the Spanish Open at the third hole of a play-off at La Moraleja II on Sunday with a performance that saw him at his obdurate. adhesive, bloody-minded best. On the face of it, he should not have had the barest whiff of a

Consider this: he had not won for more than two years; in finishing 116th in the European order of merit in 1996, 84 places worse than his previous lowest in a distinguished career, he had not driven well, hit his irons well, putted well or, crucially, thought well. Moreover, he was playing against Greg Norman, the man who needed only a topten finish to regain his place from Tom Lehman at the top of the official world rankings. It was like pitching a scarred bull terrier in a race against a greyhound, was it not? No chance. And yet. . .

James is a doughty battler at any time. Give him a challenge and he will rise to it, he is that sort of a chap — but dangle the words "Ryder Cup" in front of his quizzical, moustachioed face and the bull terrier turns to rottweiler. The rules of engagement this time were simple — the win-ner takes £85,000, the loser gets a good deal less and a golfing bloody nose.

The "X" factor was Sam

Ryder's famous old trophy. James becomes a different man in odd-numbered years - it is as though his circadian rhythms depend on lining up against 12 Americans some time in September when the dates cannot be divided by

To be honest, at the end of last year there seemed more probability of James sailing And a good thing, too.

round the world single-handed in a shoe box than of him claiming a place in the 32nd Ryder Cup. Men who finish Noth in the order of merit simply do not play in Ryder Cups. This one might. however.

Ask him why he loves playing in the match and he will probably think a bit. smile a sardonic smile and give a reply born of a wit that is as dry as the finest Chablis. Take no notice - he loves it as much as the next man, especially if he happens to be Sam Torrance, another player of certain years who likes a few games of golf and a good cry come Ryder Cup time.

James is about to enter his 22nd summer as a PGA European Tour player and professional golf has been kind to him. This son of Lancashire who lives in Yorkshire - he has a lovely house and a much-cherished garden in likley — was a likely lad in the days of his youth. His antics in the company of Ken Brown ruffled a few feathers in the 1979 Ryder Cup match at The Greenbrier.

They are so embedded in the curriculum vitae of both men that they will never shake them off, no matter that they are now both highly respected, James. still, as a player and, as the chairman of the European Tour's tournament committee, Brown as one of the wise men of televised golf.

On the course, James is as difficult to beat at the age of 43 as he was a decade ago. Until 1996, that is, but events on Sunday have put him back on the right track.

"This win was very impor-tant," he said. "You can get lost and if you lose it for a season or two at my age, there is less incentive to work your butt off to get it back."

Now the incentive has returned and on it is painted. in big red letters, "Valderrama. 1997. He has not been very far away, it is true, but wherever he was, he's back.



James signals his delight after winning the play-off for the Spanish Open title

TABLE TENNIS

Syed fails to save England

By RICHARD EATON

ly," said the Commonwealth

champion, whose retrieving

around the back of the court

requires him to work harder

than any of his colleagues. "I

just tried to eke something out.

When Syed was a game and

12-16 down, his efforts looked

hope it worked."

WORD-WATCHING

(a) The old-fashioned form of monster. "I am so glad to see that

(a) A self-important little man. From High Cockalorum, an

energetic game said to be not unlike leap-frog. The exact nature of this game is obscure. But it sounds very similar to the modern game of General Elections. In which self-important little men (and women) make fools of themselves.

(c) Illogical reasoning, the illogicality of which the reasoner in

question is unaware of. From the Greek for beyond or beside reason. "Ah. Herr Professor, how can I possibly be expected to

(a) An original inhabitant. The highfalutin' Greek synonym for the Latin aboriginal. Incidentally, there is no such word as aborigine. But aborigines is an acceptable plural for aboriginal.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Qe7! And if 2 fxc7 Bg7 and Black will emerge much material ahead.

ing Julie is learning to ride. Look at them go now: mount and

A DETERMINED victory by Matthew Syed over both Peter Karlsson, the world No 15, haustion was not enough to rescue England from defeat against Sweden at the world championships in Manchester

The result ended the men's team's hope of reaching the quarter-finals, but a 3-1 defeat and the right to play-off for places nine to 16 were satisfactory rewards from a campaign

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atch you in paralogism?"

AUTOCHTHON

MOUNSTER

to have been in vain, but he in which performances have often exceeded expectations. hung on and a couple of That was certainly true of mistakes with forehand loops dead mentally and physical-

Karlsson's confidence. Once Syed had pushed the match into a third game, the Swede misread increasingly the defensive spins and Syed's victory was completed when Karlsson hit another forehand loop off the table, immediately appealing loudly both to the umpire and his own teammates that it had taken an edge. His appeals changed nothing and Syed was the winner by 17-21, 21-19, 21-17.

Carl Prean stretched Jan-Ove Waldner in the first game, but the former world champion was too full of silken top spins for his opponent and won 22-20, 21-13. Jorgen Persson beat Alan Cooke in straight games and Cooke also lost the last encounter, to Waldner, 21-14,

Later, with Syed rested. England lost 3-0 to Austria. which means that the highest they can now finish is thirteenth.

A later group defeat against Belgium meant that Sweden were forced to confront China, their great rivals, in the quarter-finals. Sweden's misgivings were justified - China

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL. European under-21 chempionship Qualitying group two England v Georgia (at The Valley, 7 45)

Sweden v Scotland (et Tröffhalten, 5 30) Romania v Ireland (at Bucharest, 6 45)

Group four

Third division Carisle v Rochdele (7 45) ... Amediali Contenenca

Weiling v Stalybridge (7.45)

IJEFA UNDERHIE CHAMPONSTOP, Indemediary round: England v Portugal (at Gogo Lane, Bury)

DR MARTENS LEAGURE Premier division:
Gloucoster v Docchester, Hastings v Crawley
Middland division: Dudley Town v Bedworth;
Stettord v RC Warwick, Cup: Pland, second leg: Sudbusy Town v Burton Albon
UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Blyth
Spertane, v Prudley, Lancaster v Buston,
Sperwyrnoor v Beshop Auchand; Witton v
Colwyn Bay Pirst division: Paralley Cette. v
Great Harwood, Gretna v Braction Pi, Ave,
Harrogate Town v Netherfield, Leigh v
Radciffe, Worksop v Droyleden League
Cup: Finals: Peston v Garnotorough (at Smoll
Bark, Lincoln)

Birk, Lincoln) CIS LEAGUE: Premier division; Aylesbury (

Essi Thurnos v Clapton, Homehurch v Southall AVONI INSELFRANCE COMBINATION: First division: Wattord v Cardill (all Chesham United PC) West Harn v Orderd Did (all Degenham and Rectondge PC 2.0) Wimble-don v Charton (al Piough Lane 2.0) PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Promise christon, Oldham v Birmingham (7.0), Sheffield Wednesday v Derby (7.0) First division: Sheffield United v Coventry (7.0) Second division: Manchester City v Stockport (7.0), Rothertam v Barnoley (7.0) autosport (7.0), Rothertam v Barnoley (7.0) autosport (7.0). Rothertam v Barnoley (7.0). Stockholm (7.0). Rothertam v Barnoley (7.0). Stockholm (7.0). Rothertam v Barnoley (7.0). Rothert

vision: Chatham v Lordowood, Cray v Beclistham; Greenwich v Turbridge Wells; Herne Bay v Coristinan, Whitstable Town v Shoppey
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cocidostes v SI Margaretsbury MINIERVA BOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE. Premier division: Bioglesvade v Welvyn Garden; Buckinghem Afrietic v Potters Bar; Leichworth v Langlord.
ENDBLEIGH AIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Colested v Handrahan

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HELLENIC LEAGUE: Primmer caveson; Ablonction United v Burnham Almondsbury v Endsteigh, Bicesler v Highworth.
COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Raynes Park Vale v Nethame, Reeding Town v Vising Sports, Westheld v Goodining and Guiddord.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division; Midsgrove v Bootie; Newcastle Vales of March League; Trans. Midsgrove v Bootie; Newcastle Vales of March 15 (1997). Town v Nertwich Town

Concord Rangers JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE:

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE Premier division: Armthorpe Weltzte v Shelfield, Hucknall Town v Arnold; Pickering v Liversedge; Pontetract Colo v Ossoti

Courage Clubs Championship Fourth division south Chettenham v Hanley (8.0) .

OTHER SPORT

Welsh League First division

6.00em On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes Brahms (Viola Sonate in F minor, Op 120 No 1); Handel (Music for the Royel Fireworks), Komgold Handel (Music for the Hoyes Hieworks), Forn (Prefude and Serenade), Schumiann (Overturn Manfred): Shostalrouch (Film Music: Alone, excerpts); Mozert (Plano Quartet in G minor) 9.00sm Monting Collection, with Penny Gore Includes Adams (The Chairman Dances); CRICKET Benson and Hedges Cup 110, 50 overs DUBLIN (Castle Avenue): Ireland v

DUBLIN (Lasee Avenue): Ireland v Middlesex OLD TRAFFORD: Lanceahire v Yorkstere LAKENHAM: Minor Counties v Derbyshire TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghermshire v Durham Granados (Escenas Romanticas), Grieg (Holberg Granados (Escenas Romanticas), Grieg (Holbe Suite, Op 40)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Edward Blakeman Includes Ravel (Rapsodie Espagnole), Tippett (Songs for Ariel); Wiren (Serenade for Strings), Britten (Las Illuminations), Massenet (Piano Concerto in E flat)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Haydin

1.00pm The BBC Orchestras. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Gaelano Delogu With Ult Hoelscher, piano Dvotak (Overture, Hustiska), Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2); Brahma (Symphony No 4 in E minor) RUGBY UNION

Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor)

2.30 Voices, Iain Burnside presents an innerent compilation of songs that explore the thames of

wansea v Caerphilly (7 0) RUGBY LEAGUE youth and adolescence (r)
3.15 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Philhermonic NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE Pro-miler division: Dudley Hill v Olcham Si Anne's (7 30)

(Concert Overture; Symphony No 2)

4.00 Spirit of the Age, The third programme of the monthly series exploring the history of dance Dancing and playing have diverged gradually since the 19th Century, however Jeremy Barlow and Michelene Wandor explore what dance can exit be the programme of the control of the programme of the control o still tell us about musical performance (f)
Music Machine, Verity Sharp takes to Elizabeth
Thompson, editor of the Dylan Companion, about
the impact of Bob Dylan's music in the 1960s

TELEVISION CHOICE

One for the Dando fan club

For those who cannot get enough of Jill Dando, whether it is reading the news, hosting Whether it is reading the news. To sub-Crimewatch or lolling on some tropical beach (in the cause of duty, naturally) here is yet more. The Dando fan club will recall a previous edition of Fasten Your Searbelt in which she tried to pass herself off as an air stewardess. Despite dropping things and getting in a muddle over change, she now moves on to a bigger challenge as she joins the staff of Walt Disney World in Florida. She starts modestly with a dustpan and broom before donning a wig and dark glasses to play a 1940s Hollywood startet and after that skippering the Jungle Cruise. Celebrities threatening to make fools of themselves in future programmes include Carol Smillie as a hotel waitress and Toyah Willcox as a chalet girl.

Children's Hospital BBC1, 8.00pm

Most of the patients featured in this series are in Alder Hey Hospital in Liverpool through no fault of their own. Baby Fiona, whom we met last week. was born with a hole the size of a 10p piece in the wall of muscle beneath her lungs. She is on the mend from life-saving surgery. Steven, who is ten, has brittle bones and has undergone six operations to insert metal rods in his legs and arms. Surgery on his club foot may enable him to walk for the first time in his life. But the horrendous burns suffered by 13-year-old Martin were nobody's fault but his own. He was "surfing" on a coal train when he was electrocuted by an overhead cable. Not that the Alder Hey medics are in the business of making moral judgments. Martin gets the same level of care and treatment as any of the hospital's other

Touching Evil ∏V, 9,00pm

Faced with an almost impossible challenge, a new format for a police series, the writer Paul Abbott has come up with a national rapid response unit inspired by the FBI and specialising in organised and serial crime. Less original is the unit's star man, a detective inspector (Robson Green from

Jill Dando in Disney World (BBCl, 7pm)

Abbott's Reckless), who, like many of his television ilk, uses unorthodox methods and has an unhappy marriage. His sparring partner is another DI (Nicola Walker), only 28 and seemingly young for her rank. Abbott also wrote for Cracker and this new show has the brooding Cracker look and something of its dramatic intensity. The first case concerns the abduction of children in Britain and Germany. With only one suspect, the question is not whodunnit but whether they can pin it on him. The two-part story concludes next week.

Cutting Edge Special: One Night Stand Channel 4, 9.00pm

Meet three very different people with one thing in common, the archetypal formula for a television documentary. Bonnie is 24 and a single mother, Mark a 28-year-old bachelor and Jean-Yves a gay man in his thirties. All are practitioners of the one man in his thirties. All are practitioners of the one night stand, enjoying the pleasures of sex but determined to avoid long-term commitments. According to the film, which follows them to various night spots in search of a pick-up, they have no difficulty finding temporary partners of like mind. Or perhaps we are not shown the times when they return empty-handed. It may seem a curious way of life but all three make a case for it. They say the dancer is petting to like the nerson too. They say the danger is getting to like the person too much, making it difficult to get out of the relation-ship. At least Jean-Yves manages to extricate him-self with some delicacy and style. Peter Waymark

The first time I was made aware of James Hamilton Paterson's gift for using prose to explore musical side-streets was when BBC radio adapted Gerontius, his Whitbread prize-winning novel that created a fiction out of Elgar's actual trip up the

Amazon in 1923. The Music is a collection of his short stories. Radio 3 has dipped into them.

selected five, and Ron Bergias reads them every

night this week, starting this evening with Knight. It is the tale of an American pilot captured and

tortured by the Vietcong. Given such a harrowing situation, few writers would have dared to

introduce into it a Vietnamese bon-viveur, sitting at

a piano and playing a Bach partita and one of the 48 prejudes. Peter Davalle

RADIO CHOICE

The Music

Radio 3, 8.10pm

Croft Originals Radio 2. 9.30om

The history of British television comedy would The history of British television comedy would have taken a very different course if David Croft had stuck to his first love, singing in stage musicals. "I sang quite well", he tells presenter lan Lavender in tonight's Croft Originals. He most certainly did. We hear his interpretations of Ko-Ko from The Mikado and Hard-hoiled Herman from Rose-Marie. But fate decreed that Croft should turn to television. producing, directing and cowriting with Jimmy Perry and Jeremy Lloyd such hit comedy series as Dad's Army, Hi-De-Hi and it Ain't Hall Hot Mum. Croft is now in his seventies Ain't Hall Hot Mum. Croft is now in his seventies and talking seriously of retirement. This tribute to him is well deserved, though, in my opinion,

Interview with Tony Blay 7,00 London Music Week, Includes

RADIO 2 6.00em Sarah Kannedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jmmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 8.05 John Durin 7.00 Alan Freeman: Their Greatest Bris 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 Culincy Jones — The Dude and his Music 9.30 Croft Originals. See Choice 10.30 Richard Allmson 12.03mm Steve Medden 3.00 Alex Lesset

RADIO 5 LIVE 8,00m Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, notudes Racing Previous 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Middey

Introduced by Simon Mann Includes coverage of England's Under-21 game against George 10.00 Brian Hayes's Election Night 12.00 After Hours with Vincent Hanns 2.00em Up Af Night with Rhod Sharp TALK RADIO

5,00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7,00 Paul Ross 9,00 Scott Chisholm 12,00 Lorrane Kelly 2,00pm Tommy Boyd 4,00 Pater Deeley 7,00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10,00 James

All times in BST. News on the hour 6.00em Newshour 6.30 Europe Today 7.18 World Today 7.30 Anatomy of Addiction 8.16 Off the Sheff 8.30 Touched with Pire 8.45 Good Relationahlp Guide 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 A Cty in the Oark 9.30 Everywomen 10.00 Business 10.18 Making of Hernlet 10.30 BBC English 10.48 Sport 11.30 On Screen 12.30pm Anatomy of Addiction 1.00 News in German 1.15 Breain Today 1.30 Health Matters 1.48 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.05 Sport 4.16 Performence 4.30 News in German 8.00 Europe Today 8.30 Business 8.45 Strain Today 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 8.45 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe 10.039 8.30 Euseness 2.46 Britain Today 6.16 World Today 6.30 News in German 6.46 Sport 7.30 One Planel 8.01 Outlook 8.35 Pause for Though! 8.30 Megems: 9.00 Newshour 10.08 Business 16.16 Britain Today 10.30 Mendian Live 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.08am Outlook 12.30 Megamik 1.30 Farming World 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Discovery 3.30 Medician Live 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.39 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00em Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 10.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 псепо, Клипрі 6) 3.00 Jame Crick 7.00 Neventight 7.30 Sonats. Beethoven (Hom Sonata in F major, Op 17) 8.00 Eventing Concert Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale, Op 52), Havdn (Symphony No 78 in C minor), Mendelssohn (Cerm See and Prosper-

ous Voyage, Op 27) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Concerto VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Benks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forresi 2.00am Rendal Lee Rose

5.15 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty Includes Faure (Elegy in C minor, Op 24); Handel, art Harty (Water Music); Roussel (Suite in F major, Op 35)
7.30 Live at Turner Sime. Paul Guinery introduces the first of five live concerts from the Turner Sims Hall in Southampton, With Arturo Pizarro, piano Chopin (Four Ballades) 8-10 The Music Knight, by James Hamilton-Paterson, See Choice (1/5) 8-30 Concert Parl Two, Scriabin (24 Prejudes, C

9.30 learus Rising. The second of five programmes exploring the creation of the seroplane
9.55 The BBC Orchestras, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Tadaaki Otaka, Takemitsu

11); Stravinsky, transcr Agosti (Three Pieces from

Wates, under ladaaki Utaka, lakemissu (Dreamtime): Maw (The World In the Evening)

10.48 Wight Waves. Richard Coles talks to the author Edmund White about his latest novel, The Farewell Symphony, which, like his previous work, deals with coming to terms with homosevusity. Plus a first-night review of Lorca's Donna Rosita, directed by Phylida Lloyd, and Charles Nicholi charts the lost years of the young post Arthur furnishad 11.30 Composer of the Week: Rachmaninov (f)

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Dem Jazz Notes, Digby Farweather presents the
first of times programmes featuring Andy
Sheppard's Moving Image, recorded at Riomie
Scott's in Birmingham

Through the Night, with Donald Macleod.
Includes 1.00 Haydin String Quartets: The Lindsay
Quartet. Haydin (String Quartet in D, Op 50 No 6,
Frog): Bartok (String Quartet No 6) 1.55 The
Vierna Symphony Orchestra, under Horst Stein.
With Rudolf Buchbinder, piano, Brahms (Plano
Concerto No 1 in D minor) 3.00 Schools 5.00
Sequence

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Sports News and Thought for the Day 8.50 Party Electron Broadcast by the Conservative Party 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Election Call. Peter Sissons listeners' questions to the leader of the Labour Party. Tony Blair 10.00 News; Walston Goes Walkabout (FM). Oliver

Walston discovers a different pace of life in the rural scene of Irish Republic (4/4)

10.00 Dally Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Muray

11.30 All in the Mind, with Professor Anthony Clare.

This week's programme includes a report on the work being carried out by the Institute of Psychiatry's Child Trauma Clinic in London 12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Lesley Riddoch 12.25pm Word of Mouth. Russell Davies explores;

sensical song lyrics and the art of the threatening letter (5/6) 12.55 Weather

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1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archera (r) 1.55 Shpping Forecast

2.00 News; Books and Company. The last in the current series includes a biography of the film maker Joseph Conrad With Richard Coles (r)

2.30 Comparing Notes with Brian Kay. Brian Kay rivestigates pianolas and player-pianos with guests Res Lawson and Denis Halt

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Dake Brehan. Shelley McAllister talks about the trais and tribulations of

3.00 The American smirt, with usure creman, shelley McAllister talks about the thals and tribulations of her move from a tashkonable abode in West London to a damp cottage on the lists of Wight 4.00 News 4.05 Kaletdoscope. Paul Vaughan talks to the author Paul Theroux as he publishes his latest

novel set in Hong Kong. Plus a look at an

novel set in Hong Kong. Plus a look at an autobiography of the poet R S. Thomas

4.45 Short Story: Ivan and Welly, by Michael Carney
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Minor Adjustment, by Andy and Eric Mentiman. A six-part comedy about a temily with a young daughter who has Down's Syndrome. Starring Peter Davison, Samantha Bond and Peter Jones With Claire Russell and Sarah Merriman (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. Toolcal news and up to the minute.

7.20 File on 4. Topical news and up to the minute features with reporter Jolyon Jenkins

8.00 Science Now. The psychologist Martin Conway presents a look at the latest in brain-scanning

echniques (r)

8.30 The Network. In the first of a new series of the programme that explores the information age, Alun Lewis looks at the history and the future of

9.00 in Touch. Peter White with news and leatures tor

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r. o. c.)

visually impaired people
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabet Hitton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: One of Ours, by Willa Cather.
Read by Ian Porter (7/12) (r)
11.00 Mediumwave. A review of the week's media
events with Vincent Hanna (r)
11.30 A Night with ... Natalie Hodgson. The active 83year-old talks about the Importance of hight time
in her busy schedule, which includes bee-keeping,
lavender Laming, walar-skiing and gilding (2/6) (r)
12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Weather
12.30am The Late Book: High Fidelity, by Nick
Homby. Read by Alan Davies (7/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Cutting Edge Special - One Night Stand: Tonight 9.00 People with one thing on their mind

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This thriller was fatally infected with apathy

engage the anxieties of an audience. Don't go across that contaminated field!" we may hiss, curling up on the sofa. "Don't cut your finger!" "Don't make friends with that loony!" What a shame, then, that last night's much-trailed epidemic thriller Breakout (BBCI) was so ponderous and unconvincing that it completely by-passed this usual type of audience appeal. "Oh go across there if you must," we yawningly instructed the poor dupes destined to be infected by a superbug, "Yes you, madam. Woman with the woolly hat, Bear right and follow the path. You can't miss it."

Why was Breakout so bad? Well, there is a theory about the first (hilariously bad) quarto of Hamler that it was dictated illegally to a printer by the actor who'd played the minor role of Marcellus (the night-watchman). What

h, the power of drama to clinches this theory is that only Marcellus's rather functional lines are delivered fully and ungarbled, while the larger plot of regicide, soliloguy and madness he cheerfully busks. (Act Five comes out something like "Oh, and then there's a swordfight and they all

> Were a scholar of the future to conduct the same sort of textual analysis of Michael Stewart's Breakout, he would immediately guess that it was written by a lab technician, since all the brighteyed passion went into lines such as "Then I extracted the DNA super-natant (the stuff floating on the top)" while the larger matters of suspense and characterisation were left forlornly to fend for

Basically, there was this lab with this genetic super-bug, and it got out. Within the lab, people kept telling each other things they knew already: "There is no way a

bacular [sic] virus can jump the species barrier!" "Our loan is dependent on approving the pesticide!" There is an issue of principle here. It's a question of truth and the public's right to know!" Ho hum. It went on like this for an hour and a half. Meanwhile, Neil Dudgeon was insanely miscast as an entrepreneurial boffin, and Samantha Bond wrestled admirably with a character that had no history, no interest, and (strangely) just the one jumper. She found herself unaccountably attracted to the ambitious Romanian research student Stefan (Marius Stanescu) who, of course, decided to kill her when they were alone in the lab at night. Ho hum again,

ack in the safety zone of the 1890s and Bramwell (ITV), scientific disagreement proved it could be a good deal more arresting. Dr Robert (David Calder) being now fully enamREVIEW



Lynne Truss

oured of the rich widow Mrs Costigan (Maureen Beattie), he had his big chance last night to impress her with his medical machismo. He puffed out his chest and was immoveable. And to be honest, it was rather thrilling.

Mrs Costigan's baby nephew was suffering from a twisted intestine - we must operate at once, says Robert. But "No, never!" declares the rich widow, who has

the knife. Enter top surgeon Aubrey, who happens likewise to be in love with her. Producing a little rubber hose, Aubrey says grandly he will clear the blockage without surgery, by pumping gas up the child's backside! Robert is alarmed (as is the baby). Both doctors fling slanderous accusations and then lock antiers above the cot, while Mrs Costigan's pretty blue eyes fill with boiling tears.

And who is proved right, finally? The poor constipated baby, having already been (in vain) pumped up like a balloon, feels the surgeon's blade nevertheless, and is preserved from death by a bit of good old-fashioned slicing. There's a lot of damage been done to the intestinal wall," says Robert. thoughtfully fingering a little red worm hooked around his finger. "But I think we caught it just in time." His defiance of Mrs Costigan may have cost him his has saved a life.

But what's this? Mrs Costigan isn't angry with him anyway? "Having fought you so hard," she announces, "I know what you are. And I can think of no one whose judgment I would trust more." So, while the baby (unseen) does a massive, blissful pooh in the background, Robert takes Mrs Costigan's hand. ") care for you, Alice," he says, "I care for you very much." Alice gasps. "And I thought I'd lost you!"

ome months ago. I posited a theory about how East-Enders (BBCI) is written, in an attempt to explain how young Joe had stopped being mad like a light being switched off. Did the production office put little fuzzyfelt symbols next to each character's name? Did Joe's "Mad" symbol fall off one day and get sucked up by a vacuum cleaner? It

for this merciful release, but how I wish I'd never mentioned it now. Dammit, somebody has found the bit of fuzzy-felt in the vacuumcleaner bag. They've wiped off the worst of the fluff, and stuck it back on the wall,

So Joe is back to staring weirdly at people, and talking in paranoid riddles, and reading War of the Worlds with his mouth open. But at least this time his usually obtuse mum Lorraine hasn't failed to notice. "I saw all the signs, I just kidded myself," she confessed last night. Joe invited a load of downand-outs into the flat at midnight. and called them his disciples and for once Lorraine didn't look up at him with those weird wide eyes and say "That's nice, love. You needed some friends."

Perhaps it was Lorraine who knocked that fuzzy-felt off the board in the first place? I wouldn't put it past her.

6.00am Business Breakfast (37165) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (70104252) 9.05 Election Call Leader of the Opposition, Tony Blair, answers viewers' questions Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 4

10.00 Style Challenge (12271) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (77523) 11.00 News (T) and weather (4163287) 11.05 The Realty Useful Show (9533078) 11.35 Snooker: World Championship Early coverage from the quarter-tinals Shelfield's Crucible Theatre (3795962)

12.35pm Good Living (9140455) 1.00 News (T) and weather (35610) 1.30 Regional News (50787639) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (16337225)

2.10 Snooker: World Championship Live coverage as the quarter-finals take place In Shaffield (4018287) 3.30 Mouse and Mole (9150146) 3.35 Playdays (6454436) 3.55 Arthur

(6458252) 4.20 Julia Jekyli and Harriet Hyde (5631504) 4.35 Prates (7877455) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5528504) 5.10 The Lowdown Proble of a 12-year-old sulterer of the relatively common skin

disease villigo (8483225) 5.35 Neighbours (t) (T) (913349) 6.00 News (T) and weather (900)

6.30 Regional News (252) 7.00 Holiday: Fasten Your Segtbelt Jill Dando experiences the travel industry first-hand at Disney World in Florida (T) (9946)

7.30 EastEndorn Lorraine is forced to land the shocking truth about Joe. Glta discovers Sanlay has been hiding something and Carol and Alan have cause for celebration at lest (1) (436)

8.00 CHOCE Children's Hospital The pseciatricians treat a teenager railway line went wrong (T) (6146) 6.30 Goodnight Sweetheart Groom-to-be Gary begins to have second thoughts as

9.00 News (1) and weather (962829) 9.50 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party (T) (727891)

10.00 The British Academy Awards 1997 Lenny Henry introduces the ster-studded gale occasion live from London's Royal Albert Hall as celebrities gather to honour the best in the worlds of television and film. Famous taces appearing include Michael Caine, Richard Harris, Kate Winslet, Alison Steadman and Stephen Fry. Subsequent programmes may run late (61657523) WALES: 10.00 Week in Week Out Special, Election '97 (397287) 10,40 The British Academy Awards 1997 (28345726) 1,00 FILM Midnight Cowboy (134295) 3.00 News

12,15em Midnight Cowboy (1969) John Schlesinger's Oscar-winning drama following the officeal but touching friendship between a streetwise New York vagrant (Dustin Hoftman) and a naive Texas country boy (Jon Volght) (157450) 2.05 Weather (3671769)

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7.15 See Hear Breakfast News IT and signing) (8591078) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (4675233) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (T) (5177707) 8.20 Juniper Jungle (r)

(3669726) 8.35 The Raccoons (r)

9.00 Study Ireland — History (79981) 9.30 Believe it or Not (2753829) 9.45 Watch (2678184) 10.00 Teletubbies (10813) 10.30 Come Outside (2887691) 10.45 Science Zone (5822297) 11.05 Space Ark (4071252) 11.15 Go for lt! (7554287) 11.30 Sportsbank (6368) 12.00 See Heart (r) (T and signing) (66417)

12.30pm Working Lunch (99287) 1.00 Teaching Today (33252) 1.30 Testament: The Bible in Animation 98558) 2.00 Juniper Jungle (r) (42504875)

2.10 The Village Last in series (15862261) 2.35 A Periect Arrangement (7280981) 2.40 The Beauty Spot (5063320) 3.00 News (T)(7054252) 3.05 Campaign Roadshow (T) (9364287) 3.55 News (T) (6172436)

4.00 Snooker: World Championship Further action from this atternoon's quarter-linal matches (8559097) 5.15 Racing from Ascot Julian Wilson

introduces the 5.30, 6.00 and 6.30 races (313829)6.45 Heartbreak High (1) (973788)

7.30 Snooker: World Championship Further coverage of the quarter-finals from the Crucible (96523)

8,30 Food and Drink The best of the 1996 vintage (T) (6523)



D.B. Woodside puts his case (9pm)

9.00 Murder One A shady criminal comes forward with damning evidence against the Maria Attorney's Wyler and Gresso present their closing arguments and awalt the jury's verdict in the Sharon Rooney trial Moseley (D.B. Woodstoe) ns his claims of suitability for the Rickey Latrell case (T) (6504)

10.30 Election Broadcast: Conservative (1) (923436)

10.35 Newsnight (T) (822558)

11.30 Snooker: World Championetip David Vine introduces the clasing trames from the day's quarter-final matches from the Crucible (56349)

12.30am Learning Zone: O.U.: Caught in Time (53479) 1.00 Artware Computers in the Arts (43653) 1.30 Evaluating Pre-School Education (82030) 2.00 Stop and Think (36011) 4.00 Teaching and Learning with IT (19769) 4.30 Film Education. A Day in the Life of Goldeneye (31818) **5.00** Inside Europe (73950) **5.30**-8.00 Film Education, Production (77547)

6.00am GMTV (60R1900) 9.25 Supermarket Sureep (r) (1) (3920523) 9.55 Regional news (2042610) 10.00 The Time, the Place (14639) 10.30 This Morning (61402271)

12.20pm Regional News (4783639) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9136252) 12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (79752349) 12.55 Shortland Street (9144271) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (64513146) 1,50 Ahernoon Live (99162676) 2,20 Vanessa (T) (14194391) 2.50 Atternoon Live

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3.30 Wizadora (r) (6507523) 3.40 Potamus Park (r) (9165078) 3.50 Bimble's Bucket (T) (9154962) **4.00** Gerfield and Friends (T) (5646436) **4.15** Hey Arnold! (r) (T) (8539894) **4.40** Island (T) (8682894)

5.10 The House Home improvement maga zine (1993523) 5,40 News (T) and weather (189455) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (697252) 6.25 HTV Weather (943078) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (953455)

6.55 Election Broadcast: Conse

Party (818558) 7,00 Emmerdale Chris lashes out at Zoe and Betty gives Brit an ultimatum (T) (5894) 7.30 Family Circles: Four Uncles, One Aunty and Me An mitmale portrait of 11year-old Aimee, a first-generation Britishborn Indian girl whose family where expelled from Uganda, resettled in Bristol and set up the "Sweet Mart" store in

8.00 The Bill Boulton suspects the man has tried to arrast before (T) (4542) 8.30 Police, Camera, Action Alastair Stewart

exposes the high-speed antics of



GHOICE Touching Evil Robson Green stars as maverick officer DI Dave Creegan in the first of three two-part crime untilers (T) (1320)

10.00 News (T) and weather (87900)

10.30 Regional News and weather (748287) 10.40 A Cut Above (1989) with Malthew Modine and Daphne Zuniga. A working class medic feets out of place among the monied students and adopts a cavalier approach to his studies that brings him into conflict with his teacher. Directed by Thom Eberhardt (88117962)

12.40am Dating the Energy (7364479) 1.40 Stand and Deliver (3536059) 2.45 The Chan Show (ri (6260214) 3.30 Jones and Juny (92834721) 3.50 Football Extra (r) (5109634) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (516.72) 5.00 Garden Calendar (73996) 5.30 News (97301)

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9144271) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1993523) 6,25-6.55 Central News (605271)

12.40am Collins Collins and Maconle's Movie Club (97(10063) 1.15 Film: Red Wind (1991) A thinler directed

7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (504)

by Alan Metager (584276) 2.55 in Focus (6366498) 3,40 Football Extra (9319030)

4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 (4551301) 5.20 Asian Eye (2849363)

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As HTV West except: 12,20pm-12,30 lituralizations (4763639) 12.55 Home and Away (2448894) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (70110894) 5,10-5,40 Home and Away (1993523)

6.00-6.55 Westcountry Live (580287) 7,30-8,00 Animal Passions (504)

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7.30-8.00 The Parish (504) 5.00am Freecreen (73996) ANGLIA

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9.00 Bewitched (71349) 9.30 Film: Dodgworth (37004469) 11.20 The Hunt (7473368) 14 35 Evineme (3712929)

12.30pm Ricki Lake (11455) 1.00 Slot Malmrin (52345310) 1.15 Pingu (57396815) 1.30 Film: In This Our Life (76244078)

3.20 Fresh Pop (7050436) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (726) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (233)

4.30 Taste of the Times (417) 5.00 5 Pump (8900) 5.30 Countdown (487)

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7.00 Pobol y Cwm (430829) 7.25 Glangwill (319726)

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9.05 Etholiad 97 (131417) 9.50 Etholiad 97 (585542) 10.05 Brookside (566875) 10.40 Northern Exposure (724962) 11.40 Party Election Broadcast (250423)

11.45 Animation (502252) 12.00 Midnight Special (686547) 1.35am-2.35 Hill Street Blues (4297011) 6.00am Sesame Street (20875) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (25233)

9.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (71349)

9.30 Dodsworth (1936, b/w) with Walter Huston as a wealthy retired industrialist who goes on a European trip with his wife (Ruth Chatterton) and discovers a new meaning to his life Directed by William Wyler (37004469)

11.20 The Hunt A dialogue-tree documentary looking at both sides of the hunting debate (7473368) 11.35 Extreme (r) (3712829) 12.30pm Light Lunch (68728) 1.30 Avondale Dogs (22194788)

1.50 Raising the Wind (1961). A comedy about the misadventures of a group of music students being taught under the baton of James Robertson Justice. Directed by Gerald Thomas (T) (42253252)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (728) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (233) 4.30 Countdown (T) (417) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (8900) 8.30 Pet Rescue (T) (487)

6.00 Friends Chandler sees Rachal in the built (f) (T) (610)

6.30 Friends On his lirst date for nine years, Ross bumps into his former wife (r) (T) (951097)

6.55 Freeh Pop (739900) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (3338) 8.00 The Graceful Art of Success A look at

the successful antelopes who avoid being lions' prey (1) (2184) 8.30 Brookside Can Max and Susannah's relationship survive the events of recent

days? Who is the mystery women that Sinbad has met? (1) (1691)



Single-mother Bonnie (9pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge Special: One Night Stand Single-mother Bonnie, gay Jean-Yves and professional bachelor Mark talk about single life in Britain today (T) (9962)

10.00 Election Broadcast: Labour Parts

10.05 The Good Mother (1988) with Diene Keaton. A divorced mother is forced to choose between her lover (Liam Neeson) and her daughter after her former husband accuses the lover of sexually abusing the girl. Directed by Leonard Nimoy (T) (317252)

12.00 Midnight Special with Vincent Hanna (686547)

1.35 Laxdain Hell (1962, b/w) Hebridean FILM villagers v Whitehall in a cornedy with Directed by John Eiridge (7786059) The Ghost Goes West (1935, b/w) with

Robert Donat. A cornedy about an anstocrat haunted by an ancestor. Directed by Rene Clair (7125769) 4.25 Riders of the Dawn Spanish family saga. English subtitles (r) (6216092)

5.30-6.00 Backdate (r) (1) (95943)

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6.00am 5 News Early (7213320) 7.30 Havakazoo (2340078)

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8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (2968707) 8.30 WideWorld: Heaven's Delight The Arena Chapel in Padua (2967078)

9.00 Espresso (5030829) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6275078) 10.30 Hot Property (r) (2970542) 11.00 Legza (9107726) 11.50 Double Espresso (45764271)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Ridge and Brooke are invited to Prince Cmar's Palace (2961894) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9845610)

1.00 5 News Update (92875146) 1.05 Sunset Beach (6960320) 2.00 5's Company (2821225)

3.30 if it's Tuesday, it Still Must Be Belgium (1987) with Claude Akins. A comedy iollowing a busiced of American tourists on a whistlestop tour of Europe Directed by Bob Sweeney (4855349) 5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (14735455)

5.30 100 Per Cent (1817813) 5.00 Whittle (T) (1814726) 6.30 Family Affairs James devises a plan to see Charlotte (T) (1805078)

7.00 Exclusive (1715962) 7.30 Wild State A look at the techniques used to study the ferocious alligators of the Florida Everglades (T) (7002788)

7.35 Election Broadcast: Conservative Party (5373523) 8.00 Fame and Fortune The lifestyle of the

WBC heavyweight boxing champion Lennox Lewis (1724610) 8.30 5 News (1710417)

Flames of hell angulf Christine (9pm)

9.00 Christine (1983) with Kelth Gordon and John Stockwell A horror movie, based on a Stephen King novel about a car that is possessed by the devil. Directed by John Carpenter (1328349)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (7959731) 11.40 The Comedy Store Clive Anderson, Ben Elton and Alexei Sayle recall their early days on the stand-up circuit (2012184)

12.10am Live and Dangerous Through-linenight sports magazine teaturing cover-age of tast weekend's IndyCar championship race from Nazareth, Pennsylvania (18071635) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6037585)

5.30-5.00 100 Per Cent (r) (5915566)

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6.00am Morning Glory (127621) 9.00 Regis and Kathe Lee (88356) 10.00 Another World (82542) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (79078) 12.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (19078) 12.00 The Opter warney should (19276) 12.00 The Opter warney should (19276) 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (35146) 3.00 Jenny Jones (1900) 4.00 Opter with the Stars (57707) 5.00 Ster Trek, The Next Generation (7271) 6.00 Real TV (3353) 6.30 Marriod — with Obster 1918 3.70 Per September (1900) Children (4813) 7.00 The Simpsons (8900) 7.30 M*A*S*H (5177) 8.00 Speed (4320) 8.30 Regi TV UN (3455) 9.00 One-Hour Special (80523) 10.00 The Practice (83610) 11.00 Star Trek: The Nea Generation (83271) 12.00 America's Dumbest Criminals (13560) 12.30am LAPD (93011) 1.00 Hit Mix Long Play (8874214)

SKY 2 7.00pm Superboy (4045981) 8.00 Yena: Warnor Princess (1177894) 9.00 Pacific Skie (1260558) 10.00 Malibu Shores (1167417) 11.00 Late Show (6682639) SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week 6.00em Bigger Than Life (1955) 126514639) 7.40 Two of a Kind (1963) (9127097) 9.70 Nine Hours to Rama (1962) (11073900) 11.15 Night of the Grizzly (1966) (57218368) 1.00pm Dec Grizziy (1966) (57218368) 1.00pm Decisis: The Early Years (1986) (29475078) 22.0 Kid Galahad (1962) (8957510) 5.00 Desmhill Recer (1969) (12510) 7.00 Little Buddin (1993) (89456) 9.00 Ghostbusters (1984) (86542) 1.00 Desth Blachine (1994) (56320) 1.00am Sin Compassion (1994) (9430) 3.00 The Kreenille 14184 (9430) 1.111850

Kremin Letter (1970) (1121365) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Trail Street (1947) (73(64) 7.30 Porco Rosso (1992) (21138287) 9.10 Connecticut Vankoe (1619078) 10.30 PU Gel By (1950) (73875) 12.00 One Cooks, the Other Dossn't (1983) (30631) 2.00pm They Watch (1993) (72504) 4.00 Porco

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Rosso (1982) (7417) 6.06 A Brother's Promise (1996) (1845) 7.30 Special Feature: Abel Ferrara [2707] 8.00 Friends at Last (1996) (37813 10.00 Wyatt Euro (1994) (30902894) 1.10em Nostradamus (1995) (57943) 3.10 John-Nostradamus (1995) (57943) 3.10 John-Nostradamus (1995) (57943) 3.10 John-Nostradamus (1996) (578498) 4.46 Cormocticut Yankee (4137382) SKY MOVIES GOLD

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Cronje displays skills to make Irish eyes smile

DUBLIN (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex need 148 runs in 17.4 overs to beat Ireland

IRELAND have lost their previous nine matches in the Benson and Hedges Cup but today they will surely defeat Middlesex, twice winners of the competition, if first they can beat the weather. Middlesex were in the wars last night, when rain drove the players from the field for the fourth and last time, and they must bat uncommonly well today just to avoid the embarrassment of a heavy defeat.

Replying to a formidable total of 281 for four, Ireland's best score against a county side. Middlesex lost six wickets for 134 before the weather cut short a wet and windy day at 6.50pm. Mike Gatting and Mark Ramprakash are both out, and there is only the tail to come. Neither rain nor wind could dampen the spirits of treland's cricketers, and the crowd at the Clontarf ground.

Predictably, the strongest performance came from their guest professional. Hansie Cronje, the captain of South Africa, is being paid £20,000 for his appearances in this competition and victory today will go some way towards justifying that investment. He made 94 rasping runs, not out, from \$2 balls and then took the

Ramprakash with his medium-pacers to remind Middlesex that he is one of the best players in the world at this

Andrew Patterson batted well with him at the end and earlier there was a superb innings of 75 by Decker Curry, a left-handed opener of real style. "Don't miss him," somebody familiar with his cleanhitting ways said. "It might not last long, but it will be worth watching," He gave Angus Fraser the charge immediately and was not too respectful to the others, making his runs from 93 balls with two sixes and nine fours.

Brown's high five .. Ealham's six appeal 53

Simon Cook, taken on the Middlesex staff after showing promise in Oxfordshire club cricket, found Curry's blade too broad altogether. His first six overs went for 49 and twice he watched good-length balls disappear into neighbouring gardens. Some of the senior Middlesex players found this amusing, but they weren't laughing when Cronje and Leicester all-rounder who captains Ireland, reduced them to penury in the evening...

Total (4 wkts, 50 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-72, 2-117, 3-BOWLING: Fraser 10-3-34-1; Cook 9-0-71-0; Hewitt 10-0-53-1; Waskes 10-0-47-1. Turnell 8-0-37-1; Dutch 5-0-89-0

A R Dunlop, D Heasley, P G Gillespie, G L Mollins and P McCrum did not

Umpres: J W Holder and A A Jones.

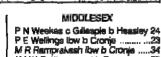
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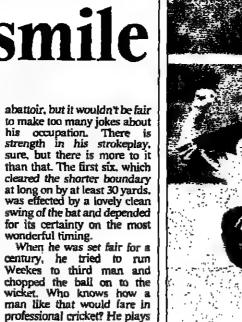
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-89, 3-104, 4-126, 5-133, 5-134. BOWLING: Gillespie 6-0-22-0; McCrum 6-0-21-0; Heasley 5-0-23-1; Cronje 7-0-33-2; Mollins 5 2-0-15-1; Benson 3-0-10-2



chance, but by making his runs quickly he would provide great entertainment - rather more than some familiar names that spring to mind. Effectively he had prepared the stage for Cronje, who dominated the later stages of the mnings. In no time at all he was working the ball into gaps for comfortable runs and when the charge had to be made towards the end he ensured that Ireland could set

lots of shots, and would certainly give county bowlers a

wonderful timing.

a challenging target. He clobbered three sixes, one pulled, the other two hit straight and fierce, including a premeditated hit off the last ball of the Where Ireland had set off like trains, Middlesex began

more discreetly, and soon lost wickets they needed to keep in hand. They could survive the loss of Weekes and Wellings but when Ramprakash was leg-before, and Gatting chipped a slower ball back to Benson, there was no disguising the trouble they found themselves in. Pooley played on, and Dutch was stumped. To win from this position

Far more likely is that freland will win and on their performance yesterday, they thoroughly deserve to. This is not the strongest Middlesex side but amateurs must still play uncommonly well to beat professionals. What a pity for Ireland that they could not defeat Scotland last month in the ICC Trophy tournament in Kuala Lumpur. Victory today will bring some sort of

414 unanswered points, a Cru-

cible Theatre record, and three

vent John Parrott from claim-

ing a place in the quarter-

finals of the Embassy world

snooker championship in Sheffield yesterday. Parrott, the champion six

years ago and the only player

other than Stephen Hendry to

lift the trophy during the 1990s, recovered from 40 down to record a 13-11 victory.

Entering the concluding ses-

sion trailing 9-7, Hamilton won the seventeenth frame

with a 121 break and, from 9-

11, levelled at 11-11 with equally

fluent runs of 129 amd 68. It

was then that Parrott benefit-

ed from another of the positive



Hoddle wary of Kinkladze's threat

BY OUVER HOLT FOOTBALL CURRESPONDENT

GLENN HODDLE, the England coach, wheeled out the heavy artillery at Bisham Abbey yesterday and put on an explosive show of footballing firepower. As the penultimate training session for the World Cup qualifying tie against Georgia tomorrow came to an end. Hoddle emphasised again the message that he has been hammering home since

the end of last week: England must win. Hoddle stood with his back to goal, facing away from a row of metal outlines that were supposed to be men in a defensive wall. Beside him, a select group of dead-ball experts were being put through their paces. In goal, Tim Flowers looked like a man who had stumbled into a giant

coconut shy. They went through a variety of routines, each taking his turn to shoot. First, it was

be the quarter-final opposition

for Ken Doherty by establishing a 12-4 lead over Dominic

Dale with another exhibition

12-2, Higgins stole one frame on the blue, another on the pink and included breaks of 63, 98 and 76. Dale took the

match into its scheduled third

session by winning the closing

two frames of the afternoon,

but the conclusion that he was merely delaying the inevitable

The morning after inflicting the heaviest defeat suffered by

Steve Davis at the Crucible

since the six-times champion

made his debut in 1978.

Doherty was to be found

practising hard in the bowels

of the building. He won the

Regal Scottish Masters in 1993 and 1994, the Regal Welsh

Open in 1993 and will defend

his European League title next

month, but, since turning

professional seven years ago,

he has never produced the

sustained excellence that en-

abled him to beat Davis 13-3

with a session to spare. "To do

that kind of thing on centre

stage has given me a tremen-dous lift." Doherty, 27, said.

"If I keep up the standard

against Steve. I'll be hard to

Wattana looked likely to join Doherty in the last eight when he built a 10-6 lead over

Lee, despite losing one frame

through a mental abberation.

In the lifteenth frame, the Thai

carelessly lashed at the blue

when Lee required a snooker.

it shot off two cushions, kissed

the black into a middle pocket

and Lee sank the last three

In pulling away from 6-2 to

of quiet efficiency.

was inescapable.

David Beckham, with his special boots, curling his efforts unerringly over the grey shapes in his way. Next. it was Graeme Le Saux, the least accurate of the four, then Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham, who left Flowers hopelessly beaten time after

At the other end, John Gorman, Hoddle's assistant, was orchestrating proceedings, rolling the ball in rotation to two lines of players who lashed them back at David Seaman. lan Wright was par-Fowler smashed several leftfoot bullets low into the net to

raucous cheers all around. It was routine stuff, perhaps, the usual non-tactical display that happens towards the end of the session once the media have been allowed in: but it was symbolic, nevertheless, a sign that the shadowboxing is over now and that the headlong dash for points in the pursuit of qualification

for the World Cup finals in

France next year has well and truly begun.

After their defeat by Italy at Wembley in February, England now need to win every remaining game to have a chance of fulfilling Hoddle's stated ambition of qualifying automatically from group two. With a tough tie against Poland in Katowice looming at the end of next month, it is

especially critical that no points are dropped tomorrow night against the technically

accomplished Georgians. The early omens are good. in contrast to the mass withdrawals that preceded the match against Mexico last month. Hoddle has almost a full squad to choose from. He is deprived only of Ian Walker, the Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper, who has been ruled out with an Achilles problem.

For the first time in his reign as England coach, Hoddle will be able to pair Sheringham and Shearer, too. All of the qualifying match-

es are bigger than cup finals." Hoddle said. "Every game is massive and we have got to be positive. We have got to go out there and assert our game on to them. We have got to ask them the questions and see if they can handle it."

Hoddle is also aware of the attacking threat posed by the Georgia. Hamstrung by an uneven pitch that hampered Tbilisi, Georgia, led by Georgi Kinkladze, the Manchester City playmaker, are likely to revel in the open spaces of Wembley, if England give

them a chance. Hoddle admitted that he is considering man-marking Kinkladze, but said that he had reservations about sacrificing a player to that task. Almost simultaneously, David

Batty, so impressive against Georgia in Tbilisi last au-

tumn, where he and Paul Ince hunted the opposition down and stopped them from playing, said that he would relish the task of cancelling out someone of Kinkladze's ability.
"I'd rather win a tackle than

score a goal," Batty said. "I've got a poor scoring record, but that has not really bothered me. It's why a lot of attacking players don't like playing in my position. Attacking and goalscoring is the easy part of the game, but I enjoy the other part as much.

about Kinkladze is true. He is a world-class player. He has proved it in England, week in. week out, because he is always Manchester City's top player. We limited his chances on the ball in Georgia, but Wembley's a different proposition. a big pitch and nice turf. Flair players like him are always going to get the headlines, but I'm quite happy to keep doing the job I do. I've always enjoyed winning the ball."

Hamilton fails to topple Parrott ANTHONY HAMILTON'S all but guaranteed that he will

No 1080

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ever going farther.
"It was like this when I won here in 1991." Parrott, who

responses to adversity that characterised his overall He made a 133 total clear-

ance to lead 12-11 and, utilising his far greater experience, did not allow Hamilton to pot a ball in what proved to be the last frame of the match. Ham-ilton, who beat Jimmy White in the first round, has now lost in the last 16 of nine worldranking tournaments without

now faces Stephen Lee or James Wattana, said. "I didn't have a particularly good season then either, but I was fresh, like I am now, and maybe that's a good omen." John Higgins, who defeated

Parrott in the final of the

European Open last month,

Gibbs loan rests on final payment

By Christopher Irvine

SCOTT GIBBS is seeking a temporary release from his rugby union contract with Swansea to make a one-off appearance for St Helens, his former rugby league club, in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final against Bradford Bulls

on Saturday.
Should Swansea grant his request, Shaun McRae, the St Helens coach, confirmed that Gibbs might be selected for Wembley, where he was a member of the winning side last year, three months before he left to rejoin Swansea in a



Gibbs: one-off move

£250,000 deal. "As it stands, he's not yet been given permission by his club, but if he is, he'll be considered for selection," McRae said.

Gibbs apparently approached St Helens last week about playing in the final after Alan Hunte, Gibbs's replacement at centre this season. suffered a hamstring tear. Hunte has not yet been ruled out of the final, but his chances appear slim. Andy Haigh and Vila Matautia are alternatives for the right centre position. but Gibbs would be an obvi-

ous first choice, despite not having played rugby league

since last July. "It would be a tall order just to turn out on Saturday with-out training with them, but a couple of days would enable me to settle back in without a problem," Gibbs said. He played in the Swalec Cup final for Swansea on Saturday and

tour to South Africa next month, When St Helens sold Gibbs back to Swansea, the club kept his rugby league registration. payment and Gibbs a match fee. but the Welsh club is anxious not to be without Gibbs against Neath on Saturday as they seek qualification for the Heineken Cup next

leaves on the British Isles

SERSON. Baden Evans, the Swansea team manager, said: "Scott Gibbs won't be playing rugby league this, or any weekend unless there is a large sum of money involved. We are still up to date with our transfer payments to St Helens and Scott is our player. Unless they come up with a very attractive deal, he is not avail-

Wembley, on November 1, Old Trafford (November 8) and Elland Road (November 16) are confirmed as the international venues for the sevenmatch tour by Australia this autumn. An extra incentive for clubs finishing in the top three of the Stones Super League will be a home fixture against the touring team. In addition, London Broncos are guaranteed a tour match and, should they finish in the top three, the fourth-placed side will be giv-

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Poll's feuding descendants trigger memories of historic assassination



The cause was Europe. the outcome deadly. Damian Whitworth finds strange resonances between

1812 and today

IN THE drowsy villages around Sandringham, the general election campaign has been enlivened by talk of assassination. The monarch, it should be said at once is not at risk. But in her backyard a political feud is being fought that resonates with the history of a bloody episode in

British political life.

In 1812. Spencer Perceval, the only British Prime Minister to be assassinated, was shot on his way to a committee meeting in the Commons by John Bellingham, a disgruntled merchant. Now a lescendant of the assassin, Henry Bellingham, finds himself up against a Percival determined to terminate his political career, albeit by the ballot box rather than by any more dramatic method.

Roger Spencer Percival. whose family somewhere along the line apparently replaced an "e" with an "i", claims kinship with the former Whig Prime Minister. He is standing for the Referendum Party against Mr Bellingham, who has held the seat of Norfolk North-West

Then, as now, the sticking point was Europe. John Bellingham lost a fortune on the Continent when he was imprisoned in Russia and he took violently against Perceval when he refused to support the merchant's claim for false imprisonment. Bellingham pleaded insanity after the killing but was hanged.

Henry Bellingham says that he is unimpressed by the historical link, "It is a little nuance of the campaign which is perfectly harmless. Roger Percival doesn't strike me as a descendant of a prime minister. But then I don't

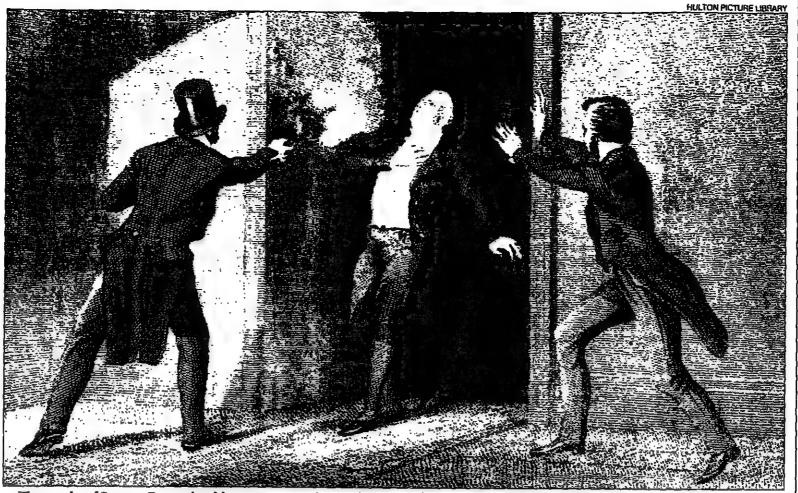
It is true that Mr Percival does not have the appearance of a ruthless political hitman. But while his belief that he will win the seat outright may be a little optimistic, he may just do for Mr Bellingham by taking enough votes to help Labour to sneak in and capture the seal.

Mr Beilingham has a notional majority of a little more than 11,000 over Labour but the Referendum Party has a high profile in the constituency and he knows that he has a fight on his hands. He has responded by saying in his election address that he wants a referendum on the wider issue of Europe and not just on the single currency, to which he is hostile.

Out canvassing in villages close to the Queen's estate yesterday, he skipped swiftly between doorsteps unde-terred by heavy showers. When he stopped for lunch in the Rose and Crown in Harpley, he worked his way through a pile of personal letters to constituents who had been discovered by canvassers to be leaning towards the Referendum Party.

Mr Percival's kinship with the former Prime Minister is unclear. The link cannot be traced through the pages of Burke or Debrett, "But my father was called Spencer Percival and it is a name that has come down through the family. I am sure there is a connection."

What is clear is that the fight for this seat will stop only just short of pistols at dawn on the Queen's lawn. Henry Bellingham, who has proved himself a crack shot on local sporting estates, is confining himself to shooting from the lip and appealing



The murder of Spencer Perceval on his way to a committee at the Palace of Westminster in 1812, as conceived by a contemporary engraver. Below from left: the killer John Bellingham; Henry Bellingham, with his strong family likeness; Prime Minister Perceval; Roger Percival









Seventies TV icon joins Bell campaign

By CAROL MIDGLEY

MARTIN BELL enlisted the support of a 1970s pin-up yesterday to boost his campaign to take Tation from Neil Hamilton, David Soul, the blond half of the gun-toting television detectives Starsky and Hutch, posed for photo-graphs with Mr Bell at a cocktail party held in Mr Bell's honour.

The two men have been dinner companions" since they met in Hampstead severai vears ago when Soul was visiting London. Soul made a one-day trip to Tation to show his support for Mr Bell's anti-corruption stance, joining a list of celebrities including Sir Alec Guinness, who donated Elilo to his campaign, and the playwright Alan Bennett. Soul said: "I'm delighted to come

and help Martin." Mr Beil, a former BBC war correspondent, forecast that Mr Hamilton's 22,000 majority would be dramatically cur.

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"I think it is going to be

extremely close. Mr Hamilton has been asked by a senior member of his Conservative Association to pledge his resignation if found guilty by Sir Gordon Downey. Yesterday, in an open letter made available by the Bell campaign office, the senior association member said that most people in Tatton would feel able to vote Conservative if Mr Hamilton undertook to resign as MP if the Downey report found him guilty of wrongdoing or dishonourable conduct, or he was he was criticised by the

But Mr Bell said: "What we have from Mr Hamilton instead is a pledge only that he will resign his seat if guilty of bribery or corruption or if the Conservative whip is permanently withdrawn.

"Does this mean that, if elected, he will keep his seat if Downey finds he has acted dishonourably or he is guilty of wrongdoing or that he is criticised by the tax commissioners? I think that the people answer to that.

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Tories expect to regain ground lost in English shires

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

WHATEVER the parties' prospects in the general election, the Conservatives expect to do well in the county council polls that also take place on Thursday and Labour and the Liberal Democrats are resigned to losing ground.

The Tories can scarcely do worse than in 1993, when the county councils were last contested. A year after winning the general election they were already deeply unpopular. Many of their traditional supporters stayed at home, and the turnout was 5 per cent below the norm.

They lost control of 13 counties and were left in charge of only one, Buckinghamshire. In Surrey and Cheshire they formed a coali-tion with the Liberal Democrats but everywhere else they were forced into opposition, sometimes for the first time.

The Liberal Democrats. who captured Somerset from the Tories and won an overall majority in Cornwall, benefited most. They became the largest party in nine counties and formed coalitions with Labour to control eight others, having a say in the running of 19 of 35 councils. Labour won overall control of seven.

Because this year's county poll is being held on the same

COUNTY COUNCILS

Labour: Derbyshire, Durham, Lancashire, Northampton-

shire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire,

No overall control: Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Chesh-

ire. Cumbria, Devon. East Sussex. Essex, Gioucestershire, Hampshire. Hertfordshire, Kent. Leicestershire, Lincoln-shire. Norfolk. North Yorkshire. Oxfordshire. Shropshire,

Suffolk, Surrey, Warwickshire, West Sussex, Wiltshire,

UNITARY AUTHORITIES

Labour: Blackburn, Blackpool, Bracknell Forest, Halton,

Medway, Nottingham, Peterborough, Plymouth, Reading,

Liberal Democrat: Newbury, Torbay, Windsor and

Slough, The Wrekin, Thurrock, Warrington.

No overall control: Hereford, Southend-on-Sea.

Liberal Democrat: Cornwall, Somerset.

Conservative: Buckinghamshire.

Current control:

Maidenhead, Wokingham.

day as the general election, the turnout will be at least double the 35 per cent of 1993. High turnouts in the shires tend to benefit the Conservatives.

Local government reorgani-sation is also favouring the Tories: since 1993 large urban areas in many counties have been carved out to create allpurpose unitary authorities. This means that these predominantly Labour or Liberal Democrat areas will no longer er will shift back to the

LOCAL ELECTIONS

traditionally Conservative rural areas. However, the Conservatives have little hope of any success in the elections for councils to run the 19 new unitaries. The Tories have failed to win control of any of the unitary authorities set up

The Tories' other problem has been in finding candidates for the unitaries. They are fighting only 84 per cent of these 1,014 seats, compared with 97 per cent being contested by Labour.

Elections for the unitary authorities will create shadow councils whose job will be to

prepare the area for transfer to the new status from next April. Running local affairs in them will remain with the county until then so councillors for these areas will not stand for election now but will continue to sit on the shire authority for a further year. They will then step down leaving a smaller council with only those elected

this time in charge.

Paul White, a Conservative county councillor from Essex who is masterminding the party's local campaign, insists that the mood in the shires is changing. "The counties have always been our heartland," sioned and apathetic four years ago, but the general election debate has focused attention on what is at stake. The last election resulted in so many hung councils and that is a terrible way of trying to run things. Alliances between Labour and the Liberal Democrats have resulted in debt and muddle everywhere and after that experience people will want a clear result and return to the fold.

Howard Sykes, who runs the Liberal Democrats' local council organisation from Hebden Bridge, west York-shire, expects that up to 10 per cent of those voting for Labour or the Tories in the general election will back his party at local level. "People will vote locally for us with their hearts and nationally pick the party they think will best protect their wallets," he says. "We have been campaigning hard for this local election for over 12 months because we knew when it was coming long before we knew the date of the general election. We are ready.

organised and popular." Steve Bulloch, a former leader of Lewisham council in south London, is in charge of the Labour campaign. "Realistically we cannot do as well as we did in 1993 when we won the most seats of any party. We are largely making this a single campaign with the general election, telling people that if they need to have Labour in power locally if they want to put national policy into practice," he says.



Midget Gems, the parties are arguing over who has best taken up the cause of the manufacturer

Life is sweet for rival candidates when local issue is a little gem

A key marginal is chewing over action on a sales ban, Adrian Lee reports

the Midget Gem has demonstrated that no issue is too small for politicians who want to get their teeth into local issues in a key marginal constituency.

in an argument worthy of a Yes Minister script, a French ban on the confectionery has resulted in Labour and the Conservatives squabbling over who can claim credit for taking up the cause of the local manufacturer. The Chambers Candy Co.

which employs 23 people in Halesowen, West Midlands. had been selling the little gums to the French for several years. The ban was imposed in February because the product contains gelatine, a beef product. The firm, whose gelatine is actually from Brazil, says that it wrote to Labour and the Conservatives seeking help.

Sylvia Heal, the Labour parliamentary candidate, then wrote to Simon Murphy. Labour MEP for Midlands



Simon Murphy, left, wrote to the EC and says that John Kennedy, right, is a "Johnny come lately"

West, who said he wrote to European Commissioners in March. However, the Conservative candidate John Kennedy has twice visited the company's headquarters in recent weeks, and tasted every flavour of Midget Gem. Mr Murphy is now accus-ing the Conservative candi-

date of hijacking the issue for the election. He sald: "He is a little late in the day, a Johnny come lately to this." Mr Kennedy said: "He

may have written first, but the point is that he has been ignored. If he wants to say he got involved first, I am happy. This sort of thing

makes politicians look daft." Both reject suggestions that the election campaign has anything to do with their enthusiasm to save the sweet. The new seat of Halesowen and Rowley Regis is Britain's third most marginal, with a ity of 125 over Labour.

Midget Gems are manufactured by at least six companies, retailing at up to E2 a tin, and exported to 40 countries, including Australia and the Far East. The French order is worth about £10,000. Chambers Candy also deals in toffee, butterscotch and coated coffee beans. The French are its second-best after the customers

As the wrangling continues, the company has taken its own measures. Until the ban is overturned, it is substituting chocolate-covered blueberry raisins for the Midget Gems. If the new line proves successful, politicians' efforts may be for nothing.

SIEVE NEEDER

Manifesto appears in **Ulster Scots**

The Democratic Unionist Party has published its election manifesto in Ulster Scots, a di-alect combining English with smatterings of Scottish Gaelic. The manifesto, Democracie

Wi'oot nae Dublin owerance (Democracy - Not Dublin Rule), declares: "Ulster folks haes a muckle clood hingin abune us aa, like as we hinnae seen afore. The British an Dublin Governments haes cum thegither tae mak a Yin-Cleekit Airlann agin the hairtset o the Ulster-British folk." Or, put briefly: there is a Dublin-London conspiracy to create a united Ireland against the wishes of the Unionists.

Mushy peas vote

The Liberal Democrat candidate in Peter Mandelson's constituency has taken out a full-page advertisement in the Hartlepool Mail claiming that his opponent is out of touch with tastes in the town. It pictures a bowl of mushy peas, which he allegedly once mistook for avocado mousse.

Bearing up

Thirty life-size teddy bears marched through London to call at the three main party headquarters, campaigning for "the Teddy Bear Alliance". Its candidate, Edward Bear, is standing in Kensington and Chelsea. The campaign for "honey for all" is funded by a TV comedy channel.

ELECTION TRAIL

Conservatives: Malcoim Rifkind, Michael Forsyth, lan Lang in Scotland; Virginia Bottomley in the Midlands; Peter Liliey in the South; Kenneth Clarke in Yorkshire; Patrick Mayhew in the West. Labour: John Prescott in York-shire and the North West; Gordon Brown in London; Jack Straw in Plymouth and Exeter; Robin Cook in the North West; Harriet Harrien in Southamp-ton; Chris Smith in Scotland; David Blunkett in Wales.

Liberal Democrats: Paddy Ashdown in the West Country; Shirley Williams in Devon and Comwall; Peter Thurnham in Sheffield.

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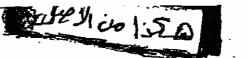
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Confident Kohl insists Britain will join EMU

HELMUT KOHL the German Chancellor, has offered a tentative olive branch to the future British Government and said he was certain that Britain would eventually join economic and monetary union

The German leader's opti-minn about Britain's policy towards Europe after the elections was not matched by high expectations for the Amsterdam summit. If that failed, he told an audience in Bad Hombury, "there will simply have to be a Maastricht III or a Maastricht IV*.

The German political class seems to be positioning itself for a change of power in Britain. Officials said yesterday they were expecting a visit to Bonn soon of Robin Cook, now the Shadow Foreign Secretary. Mr Cook was quoted in an interview in Focus maga-zine saying that Anglo-Ger-man relations would thrive more in a "sensible, structured and efficient union" than in a loose association of nation

Political commentators in Bonn attached more weight to the Chancellor's comments on Britain than on Mr Cook's view of Germany. The Germun leader shrugged off the Conservative Party's poster depicting him as a ventriloquist, with Tony Blair as his dummy. Every country's history has to be treated with respect," he said. Germany was ready and duty bound to allow other countries to take a lunger route to an integrated Europe. No doors would be shut in anybody's face. "Europe without Great Britain is a mere torso," he said. When the euro comes, Britain

will one day be part of it."

The Chancellor indicated that he was determined to push shead with his goal of a politically integrated Europe. 1997 is the key year for Europe. If it is not possible to build the house now, it will not happen in ten or 15 years either. The process of European unification must be and remain irreversible."

In the same speech, delivered under the umbrella of the influential Herbert Quandt Foundation, the Chancellor underlined that Germany would resist any move to delay the introduction of a single European currency beyond the deadline of January 1, 1999. The German leader has been given finnking support by the International Monetary Fund, which also warned at the weekend that delay would derail the whole EMU project.

The reason for this apparent hardening — at a time when Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, is still arguing that "convergence dicintes the firmemble" of EMU — is the need to strengthen the spine of pro-European politicians in the French parliamentary

A report in Der Spiegel nonetheless claims that the German Government is pre-paring to fudge its figures to comply with the key Manstricht criterion for entry to EMU, the ceiling of 3 per cent of gross domestic product for public deficits.

The magazine, trying to explain why the independent

forecast for the 1997 deficit is 3.2 per cent (rather than 3.5 per cent as predicted last autumn) argues that the German Treasury is staggering debt repayment in such a way that lower interest is being paid in 1997, the decisive year for EMU entry.



Australia pays homage to massacre victims

anniversary of the Port Arthur massacre yesterday with a minute's silence throughout Australia and candle-lit ceremonies (Roger Maynard writes). Flags were flown at half must to pay tribute to the 35 people killed in the country's worst civilian shooting, when Martin Bryant ran amok with a semi-automatic rifle.

Sydney: Thousands marked the first. Several hundred relatives and friends of the victims attended a memorial service at the massacre site. Neil Noye, the Mayor, said: "What happened is beyond our understanding." Among the mourners was Walter Mikac, whose wife and two daughters were shot dead by Bryant. He wrote on a wreath to his six-year-old daughter, Alannah: To my darling Lani,

I can still hear your voice and smell your hair." Hours earlier, it emerged that Bryant, 29, who is serving a life sentence in Risdon top security prison in Hobart. had tried to commit suicide for the third time. The Australian Government said 400,000 firearms had been hunded over after the massacre, with compensation of nearly £100 million paid to gun owners.

Maoris on warpath over the **Spice Girls**

FROM PATTRICK SMELLIE

FOR the Spice Girls it was just a bit of fun. But for the guardians of Maori culture. their attempt at the best-known Maori haka (war dance) in a holiday resort on Bali was offensive.

Egged on by two New Zealanders among a hundred fans and journalists at a special promotion in the Indonesian resort at the weekend, the group performed the Ka Mate, a haka made famous by the All Blacks.

"It's a bloody disgrace," said Willie Jackson, an Auckland haka expert who manages a local answer to the Spice Girls called Moana and the Moa-Hunters. "The Spice Girls are on dengerous ground," he added.

Sir Timon Karetu, New Zealand's hulto expert, was also not amused by "girlie pop stars" performing a dunce normally reserved for men. However Bart Cools, their manager, countered: girls absolutely did not mean to mack Magn culture.

Journalists 'damaging' **Hong Kong**

Hong Kong Businessmen here yesterday condemned the foreign press for "biased" reporting during the run-up to the handover to China, and blamed international journal ists in the territory for causing hotel, tourist and retail busies to decline badly (Jonahan Mirsky writes).

At the first meeting of Advance Hong Kong, attendby about 100 people. European and Japanese journalists were accused of suggesting that the colony was

Belgium setback

Mone The investigation into a serial killer who has cut up the bodies of up to five women suffered a serback when a Belgian court ruled there was insufficient evidence to keep a suspect in juil. But an appeal by the projecutor means that the man, 33, will stay in jall for two more weeks. The discovery of a head led to the identification of one victim as Nathalie Godert, a former girifriend. (AP)

Activists jailed

Inkarta: Budiman Sudjat-milto. 27, the leader of the leftwing Indonesian People's Democratic Party and eight party associates were convicted of subversion and jailed for between 18 months and 13 years. They pledged to con-tinue fighting for democracy from their cells, and called for n boycott of the general election called for May 29.

Korea suicide

Scoul: A former banker, Park Suk Tae, 59, questioned by a parliamentary committee over a bribery scandal that rocked the Government, was found hanged at his home, police said. The scandal centres on the collapse of Hanbo Steel Industry, South Korea's secand largest steelmaker. (AP)

Wife savers

Dubai: Two wives of a Saudi man suffering from renal disease competed to donate a kidney to save their husband. The donor was chosen by drawing lots, said a Saudi newspaper. (Reuter)

French **Socialist** pact 'will hit euro'

FROM ADAM SAGE

LIONEL JOSPIN, the French Socialist leader, will today seek an electoral pact with the Communist Party, despite warnings that it could prevent France from joining Europe's

single corrency. At a meeting today, M. Jospin will tell Robert Hue, his Communist counterpart. that he would accept Communist ministers in his government if he were to win next mouth's parliamentary elections. The move has added a further dimension to French

divisions over Europe.

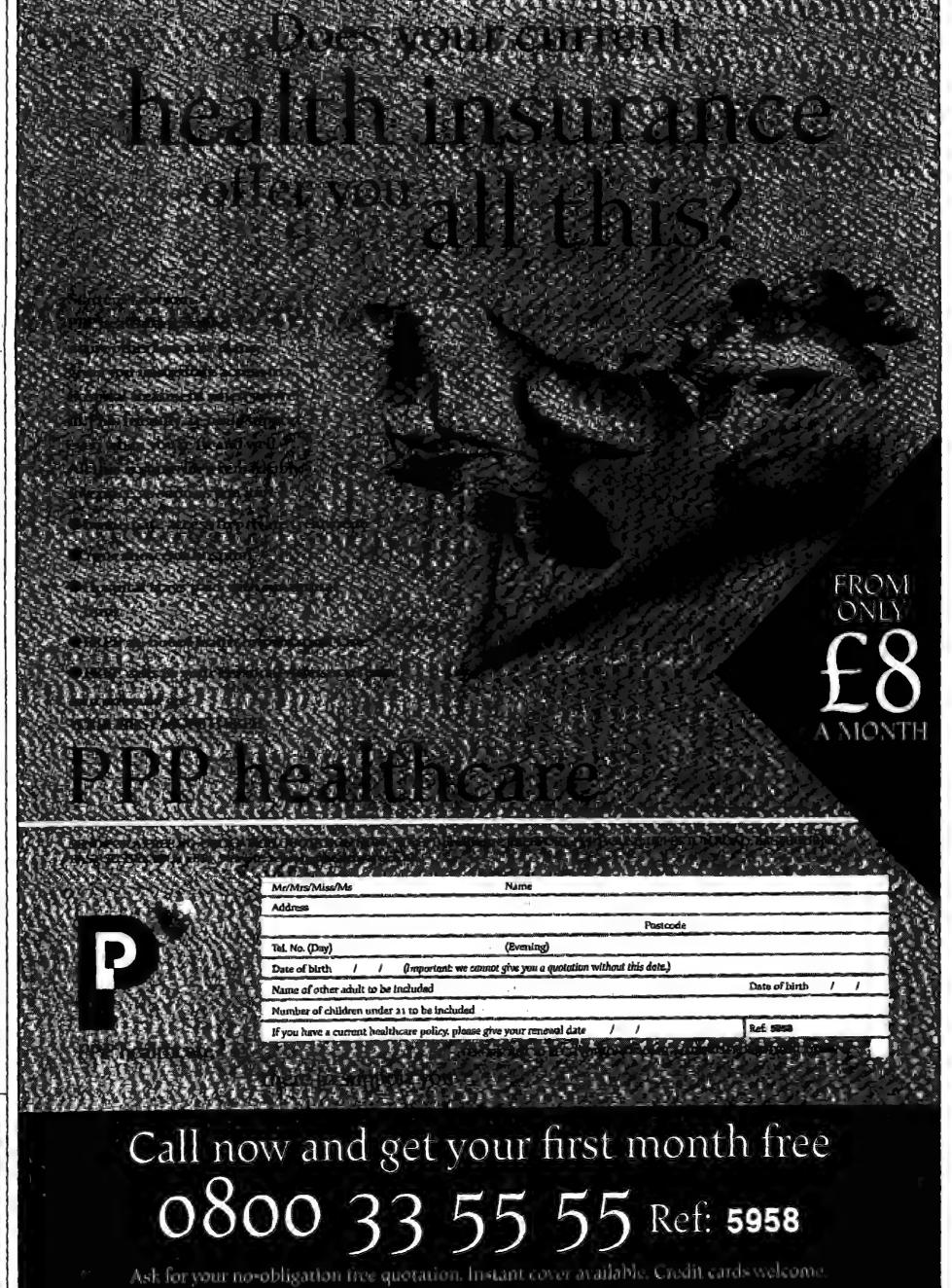
M. Jospin has paved the way for today's meeting by promising Keynesian policies that would make it difficult for France to meet the criteria for entry into the single currency. He says he is in favour of the cure, but only if he is able to implement measures that would raise the public deficit above the 3 per cent limit imposed on countries wanting to enter economic and monetary union.

His stance has encouraged his left-wing allies but an-gered Socialists loyal to the late President Mitterrand. who was one of the architects of the 1992 Maastricht treaty.

M lospin's critics my he could not hope to persuade Germany to loosen the criteris for monetary union, leaving his government with a difficult choice. Either it would have to ignore its pledge to cut the working week, reduce salaries and create 700,000 jobs for young people, or it would have to abandon the single currency.

The Socialist leader believes, however, that he can tap into the Euroscepticism that has been fuelled by successive austerity budgets designed to cut the French deficit. On Sunday, he said: This country could not stand it, economically and socially, if it were necessary to impose more austerity to fulfil the

Maastricht criteria." Electoral mathematics have added to his doubts on Masstricht. Although the Left stands to win almost as many as many votes as the ruling parties of the Centre-Right, it will still fall short of a majority in the National Assembly, according to two opinion polls published yesterday.



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Aid workers find thousands of Hutu refugees

By SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THOUSANDS of exhausted and dehydrated Rwandan Hutu refugees were reported to have emerged from thick forest in Zaire yesterday. about 30 miles south of Kisangani, a rebel-held town. On Monday Laurent Ka-

bila, the leader of the rebel Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, gave the United Na-tions 60 days to find more than 100,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees who had fled temporary camps in eastern Zaire after they were attacked by Zairean villagers. Relief workers said yesterday that they had found between 5,000 and 10.000 refugees.

This is very good news. We have a main fully loaded with 115 tonnes of food which we

FIFTY malnourished refugee

children were abducted in a

rebel-held area of eastern

Zaire when a group of Lau-rent Kabila's soldiers stormed

a paediatric hospital, the Uni-ted Nations Children's Fund

reported yesterday, Patrick McCormick, a Uni-

cef spokesman in Geneva.

said 20 armed men in military

uniform forced their way into

the hospital run jointly with

Save the Children, the British charity, at Lwiro, near the

Rwandan border, on Satur-

day. All the children there

the leader of the attack as the

leader of a local Alliance

military detachment," Mr

McCormick said. The Zairean

rebel unit was based at

Katana, the next village on the

road north to Goma, accord-

"One of the staff recognised

were taken away in a lorry.

row," said Michelle Quinarrival in Kinshasa yesterday taglie, a spokeswoman for the of Bill Richardson, the ambas-UN World Food Programme. sador, came at a vital time when Mr Kabila's reputation The United States yesterday as a revolutionary hero and a man who respects human

rights appeared to be badly

Mr Richardson is expected to meet Mr Mobutu soon and

the rebel leader tomorrow.

Diplomatic sources in Kinsha-

sa said that the American

envoy was expected to deliver

a harsh rebuke from Wash-

ington to Mr Kabila for his

alleged indifference to the

plight of the Hutu refugees in

Many of the refugees are killers who participated in the genocide of a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates in Rwan-

da three years ago. They have

stepped up diplomatic pressure on President Mobutu and Mr Kabila to meet and agree a ceasefire, by sending Wash-ington's UN Ambassador to Kinshasa with a letter from President Clinton to the Zairean leader.

US State Department offici-als declined to reveal what the letter said, but they hinted that it was a polite request for Mr Mobutu, 66, to meet Mr Kabila and negotiate his own departure from power. Last month the State Department said Mr Mobutu's 32-year rule was "history", a view backed by France, Britain and influential members of the congres-

been using civilians as a shield against the Tutsi-dominated rebel soldiers. Children abducted Aid workers have been dismayed at the rebels' refusal to allow help to reach thousands of small children now dying of FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA starvation and exhaustion

ing to a Unicef official. Two after seven months of trekking iocal nurses and a woman through the jungle. The desperate state of the refugees, whom the UN hopes the soldiers fired shots in the air, apparently to intimidate home to Rwanda in the adult Rwandan refugees. Mr McCormick added that world's biggest humanitarian airlift, has strained Mr Kabila's relationship with Western supporters, who have some of the soldiers berated Zairean hospital staff for seen him as a credible alternative to Mr Mobutu's three

"caring for our enemies". Unicef said it had no idea where the children were. An decades of thieving rule. "Kabila is now very vulnerofficial protest was made to Laurent Kabila's Alliance of able to diplomatic pressure." Democratic Forces for the one European diplomat said in Kinshasa. That means his Liberation of Congo-Zaire, and international agencies set advance might be slowed up an inquiry. down and a political solution Investigators from the UN's found instead of what he has human rights centre are due been threatening, a bloody to arrive this week to investibattle for Kinshasa.'

gate allegations that rebels killed many Rwandan refu-The rebels have been widely accused of killing Hutus in gees from camps near Bukaeastern Zaire, but so far no yu and Goma at the start of credible evidence has been their offensive last November. presented for the allegations.



President Clinton meets Ellen DeGeneres, right, the actress who recently announced that she is a lesbian, and her girlfriend Anne Heche

White House embraces lesbian celebrities

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK did the same in real life, and

has announced her love for

Ms Heche, 29, a film actress.

Ellen show on the ABC net-

work has created extraordi-

nary excitement in gay circles.

Hundreds of private "come out with Ellen" parties are

being organised across the

United States, and in coun-

tries as far flung as Finland

Tomorrow's episode of the

IN WHAT is fast becoming "lesbian week" in the United States, a television star and her newly-declared girlfriend embraced and stood with theirs arms around each other when they were presented to President Clinton.

Mr Clinton, who is, if anything, a president for all minorities, smiled broadly and did everything he could to encourage Ellen DeGeneres and her lover, Anne Heche. The couple met the President at a Washington dinner at which, arguably, they and Mr Clinton vied for top billing. In the past, to meet the

President was to stand to attention, straighten one's collar, and remind oneself to call the fellow "sir". Ms DeGener-es and her girlfriend showed that this has been replaced by a new protocol. The television

star gave a passionate squeez to the waist of Ms Heche, who in turngave a sisterly stroke to her lover's shoulder. They might have been Siamese twins. Mr Clinton's reaction was to laugh and smile.

Ms DeGeneres, 39, will tomorrow become the first

prime time television comedy star whose character "comes out" as a lesbian. She recently

By QUENTIN LETTS

Kennedys.

THERE are indications that the latest apparent scandal to hit the Kennedy family may be smothered by the American East Coast establishment. Michael Kennedy, 39, a son of the assassinated Robert Kennedy, faces allegations that he had sex with an under-

Kennedy 'scandal suppressed' rating after 16 years of mar-

having sex with the girl.

Not that one would know it from reading The Washing-ton Post and The New York Times, or from watching the main network television channels, which have largely ignored the story. Local prose-cutors said that they would age babysitter. The girl, now 19, is the daughter of a Demomount a "preliminary review" cratic party backer who was of the case, an unusual and close to the imprecise legal term. Preliminary "investigation" would be

Simultaneously, Mr Kennemore usual. dy and his wife Victoria have Brian Noonan, the police announced that they are sepachief in Cohasset, Massachu-

setts, said that he feared the rlage. Mrs Kennedy is alleged District Attorney and the girl's family would sit on the to have found her husband case, owing to the wealth and

lesbians.

influence of Mr Kennedy. "The Fix is in" noted a headline in the New York Post, which also moted a Cohasset resident who said: "If it was me, I'd be behind bars. Do the Kennedys ever get convicted? Jeffrey Locke, District At-

and Japan. A group called the

"Human Rights Campaign"

has sent out 2,600 party kits to

applicants. They include gay

rights trivia questions, a pro-

motional video, and exhorta-

tions from prominent

There have been a few dissenting voices — in Ala-

bama, for instance, a local

torney for Norfolk County. where the alleged incident took place, said that it "could be an hour, could be a year" before anything further about the case was announced.

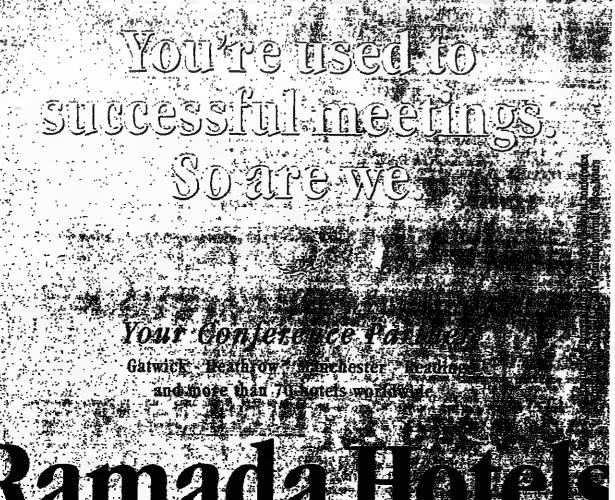
broadcast the show - but public reaction to the episode has generally been accommodating and has, according to gay advocates, shown just how "in vogue" sapphic love suddenly is.

The women have been described as courageous to have declared their sexuality. but Bill Kristol of the conservative Weekly Standard commented that real courage in America these days is to "out" oneself as a right-wing opponent of partial birth abortion or, he might have added, as an adherent to the two martini

In the matter of a week, Ms Heche has become one of the most photographed women in America. The only problem for her, according to Hollywood sources, will come when she next wants to be east in a film. Until now she has been regarded as a reliable love interest — as in beterosexual

She is now so recognisable as a "celebrity lesbian" that audiences may have difficulty suspending their disbelief were she to be cast in a "straight" role.





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goes to war

By GILES WHITTELL

ARMED Texan separatists were holed up in a remote mountain stronghold 75 miles north of the Mexican border yesterday. surrounded by more than 100 police.

The homemade army of a group calling itself the Republic of Texas released two hostages late on Sunday but remained "at war" with state and federal agents, demanding a refer-endum on Texan independence.

"We are at war with the United Nations and all foreign entities," Richard McLaren, self-styled ambassador of the Republic of Texas told The New Fork Times. "We are not at war with the American people, but we are at war with the federal agencies which have no jurisdiction

The latest clash between the US establishment and the volatile paramilitary fringe began with a dawn raid on neighbours Joe and Margaret Rowe who had reportedly helped local police to arrest a separatist on weapons charges. The Rowes were freed in exchange for Robert Scheidt, the jailed separatist. after Mr Rowe was wounded when shots were

Mr McLaren, an amateur historian who cultivates a wild-haired "mad professor" look, claims that Texas was illegally annexed in 1845 after nine years as an independent republic. He insists that his tiny organisation, based in a shack in the Davis Mountains 220 miles southeast of El Paso, is the state's legitimate

government. For the separatists nothing less than the fate of Texas is at stake. As far as their neighbours are concerned, however, they are nuisances who have inflated a historical anomaly into a dangerous game of make-believe.

'Republic of Texas' Pentagon to enforce ban on adultery in military

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Pentagon is introducing a strict code of morality to America's armed services, cracking down on adultery and other crimes of the heart in the wake of numerous embarrassing sex scandals.

American defence chiefs, who have had to deal with continuing allegations of rape at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland and the enduring legacy of Tailhook, when semale pilots were sexually harassed at a Las Vegas fighter crew convention in 1991, are attempting to intro-duce a greater level of moral discipline in the forces.

An increasing number of service personnel are facing charges for love affairs that in civilian life would never be deemed criminal. In the most celebrated case. Lieutenant-Colonel Karen Tew, 41, of the US Air Force, was tried earlier this year and found guilty of committing adultery with an enlisted man. Barely a year short of retirement, she was dismissed, losing her pension and all accrued benefits.

"She traded the honour of wearing the military uniform for lust," said the court martial prosecutor. "And she traded her ability to act as an effective leader in a position of authority for sexual intercourse." Five days later Colonel Tew committed suicide.

In the air force, the number tried for adultery has more than quadrupled in the past decade - from 16 in 1987 to 67 last year. The majority have been found guilty and punished. Cases often include charges of sodomy if there is a suggestion of oral sex, and fraternisation if the romance involves an officer and an

enlisted person. Although the acts have been forbidden under America's Uniform Code of Military Justice for more than 200 years, the Pentagon is now

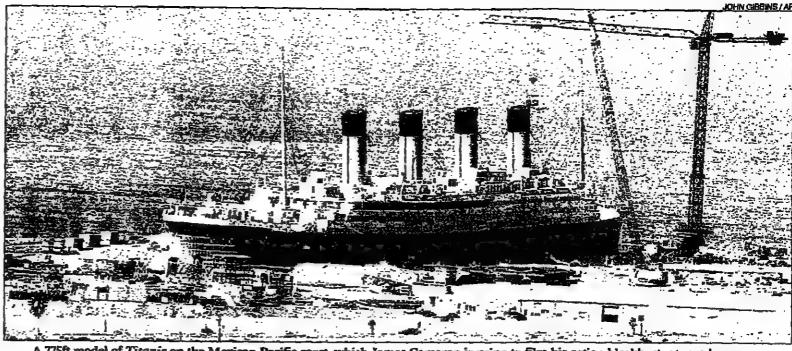
said to be pursuing charges with an unprecedented as Next month Lieutenant Kelly Flinn, America's first female bomber pilot, will be tried for adultery at Minot base in North Dakota. She had an affair with a civilian who has stated under oath that he lied to her, claiming to be legally separated from his wife. She is also charged with fraternisation for having sex with an unmarried enlisted man who has been granted immunity to testify. "The Air Force is guing back to the Dark Ages," said Frank Spinner, the retired lieutenant-colonel defending

Captain Byron James, a Pentagon official, said yesterday that commanders usually tried to end improper relationships without permanent harm to careers and rarely was anyone tried solely for adultery, "But disobeying a lawful order has wide-ranging ramifications on a military unit," he said. "An individual can't pick and chose which arders to follow."

British code: The British Army has a strict "military ethos" covering all types of sexual and social behaviour (Michael Evans writes). Adultery is considered likely to prejudice the position of an individual and may bring the Army into disrepute.

Under discipline and standards guidelines currently under review, adultery "with in the military community" is regarded as potentially the most serious form of social

Affairs between officers and non-commissioned officers are judged to be unacceptable because of the risk of undermining the Army's carefully defined hierarchical structure. Under the review, accepted standards on adultery are likely to be brought more into line with civilian life.



A 775st model of Titanic on the Mexican Pacific coast, which James Cameron is using to film his action blockbuster turned romance

Hollywood has sinking feeling over \$200m epic



Winslet: went through a punishing schedule

IN THE spring of 1912 the Thanic sank in a disaster matched only by the ship's epic scale and frightening cost. Eighty-five years on, a film attempting to re-create that fateful night is months behind schedule, up to \$90 million (£55 million) over budget and battling to avoid a

With a budget now put at \$200 million, Titanic, starring Kate Winslet, the British actress, as a Philadelphia heiress, is the most expensive film in history and is taking so long to complete that its original release date is expected to be pushed back from July 4 until late summer.

The film, jointly financed by Paramount Pictures and 20th Century Fox, was shot mainly on a 775ft replica of the doomed liner on the Pacific coast in northern Mexico, and was conceived by its backers as an action blockbuster on the scale of last year's Independence Day. Instead James Cameron, the director, has reportedly set his heart on a sweeping

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

love story in the tradition of Dr Zhivago. raising the stakes on a tense project and fuelling rumours that the postponement of its release may have been deliberate.

The two studios were expecting an outand-out thriller, one industry source told Daily Variety. What they got was a romancer. Cameron is very proud of this film. For Oscar consideration he might want to push the release as far as he can towards the end of the year."

Reports of the Titanic rescheduling have sent a ripple effect through other studios' plans for the summer as execurives scramble to book opening weekends for their films in a season that promises to be Hollywood's most expensive ever: at least 15 releases with total budgets each ballooning over \$100 million are due out over the next ten weeks.

There's never been a marketplace in the history of the movie business to support all these big movies," Peter Chernin of News Corporation, 20th Century Fox's owner, told The New York Times. "Every studio is terrified." One industry analyst said simply: "There's going to be blood on the floor.

Sebastian Silva, the film's first assistant director, said of a production apparently driven by Mr Cameron's perfectionism and short temper: "The fault of the movie was its sheer size. Sometimes 1'd find some of the 1,000 extras sleeping under the ship."

Ms Winslet, who endured the most punishing hours of the entire cast. admitted to the Los Angeles Times: "It was hard to concentrate when [Mr Cameron] was losing it and shouting and screaming." She added: "You'd have to pay me a lot of money to work with Jim again". fater apologising for the remark.

Titanic will have to break most box

office records to be considered a success. Raise the Titanic!. made by Lord Grade in 1980, was a box office disaster, costing \$40 million and taking just \$7 million.

Chrétien seeks millennium mandate in snap Canada poll

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

JEAN CHRETIEN, the Canadian Prime Minister, confident of victory in the snap election he has called for June. yesterday headed home to his St Maurice constituency in Quebec, where a crowd of 500 cheered and nominated him. The time has come to offer real choice about what kind of society we want for the Zist century," he said as he

launched his campaign. The ruling Liberals appear comfortable enough, with showings of 45 per cent of the vote in several opinion polls -25 points ahead of their nearest rivals.

The election, set for June 2. comes 17 months early and 42 months after the last, in 1993. Mr Chretien's critics are saying that he has no real reason

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to go to the people except to be re-elected before prospects worsen in the autumn. The 295-member House of Commons has been expanded to 301 seats and the campaign reduced from 47 days to 36.

The once-mighty Conservatives, the right-wing westernbased Reform Party, the leftwing New Democrats and the separatist, Quebec-based Bloc Québécois are all grouped at between 10 and 20 per cent in

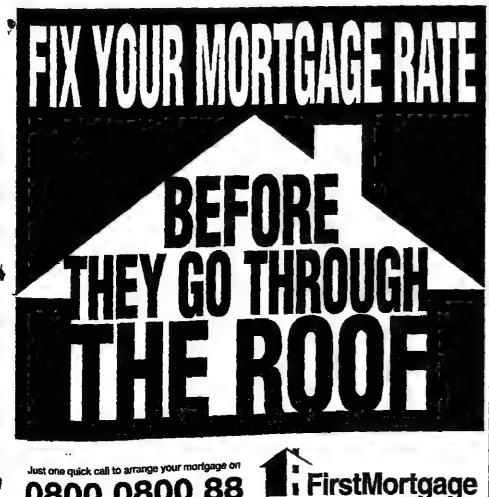
Gilles Duceppe, the separat-ist leader who bears the title of Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, launched his campaign in Montreal as a dry run for the next referendum on Quebec separation. The Bloc hopes to hold its 50 seats. Jean Charest, the Tory leader.

lauched a high-profile campaign to return his party to former glory. In the last election it lost power and all but two of its 174 seats. Mr Charest believes it has finally put the past behind it and promises to protect health. education and social programmes and give everyone a iù per cent income tax cut.

Linemployment, which has stubbornly stayed above 9 per months, remains the Liberals Achilles' heel. Their main strength is the booming economy. They cut the federal deficit two thirds from \$C42 billion (£18.3 billion) to \$C13 billion a year, the lowest of any major industrial country. Inflation is, at 2 per cent, among the lowest in the world.

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No big deal: teenagers play down the dangers of drugs, parents often exaggerate them. Both have a lot to learn

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'If kids want to experiment, then they will'

told about drugs? This quesducation debate for

Many professionals feel they should be given as much information as possible, to allow them to make choices. But lots of parents do not want their children to make a choice: they want them to be told categorically that drugs kill. Any more information might simply "put ideas" into

Yet according to research carried out by Kaleidoscope, a drugs project in Kingston upon Thames, the ideas are already there. A study of 10, 11 and 12-year-olds at a state primary school and an independent school revealed a startlingly detailed knowledge of the drug scene.

When a ten-year-old boy asks "do all

LSD tablets have pictures on them?" and "are magic mushrooms as dangerous as Ecstasy?" followed by "how do you know if they are pure?" it becomes clear that primary school children now view themselves not just as curious spectators but as potential consumers.

But Sally Murray, Kaleidoscope's training manager, discovered that along with this knowledge. "the children also came up with some inaccurate things, which was worrying. Aside from the survey, we did have an instance that a 13-year-old took what he thought was cannabis but was actually LSD and was very, very ill.
That's staggering. What was going on in
his drug education?"

But if parents might realistically expect their 13-year-old to have been taught the difference between LSD and cannabis. they themselves will not have been so privileged. Never before has the gap in knowledge between parents and children been so great.

Ms Murray says that many parents she meets have read reports that 50 per cent of children experiment with drugs, and are terrified. "If you're in the know, you're a bit gobsmacked that people think two drags on a spliff equals using cocaine and hard drugs.

"We feel strongly that if you're going to have drug education in schools, you need to support that by giving the parents 24, and both "managed to avoid the

Attitudes to illegal substances estrange parents from children as never before. But the gap can be bridged, says Grace Bradberry problem". His brother, however, who was 15 years younger, died of Aids two years ago. "When he was in his late teens he'd



The Scope aims to educate parents

accurate knowledge so that the subject is not taboo in the home.

"Of course young people have a right to their privacy, but parents need to be able to explore the subject too. If they're frightened, that emotion can get in the way of a decent discussion. Everybody gets into a screaming row and that

polarises things further."

Ms Murray is now spending more and more time with parents' groups: "We get out there and say what is actually going on. We say teenagers may experiment but if we can keep them safe, the majority will grow out of it."

But not everyone can attend such a group - or would want to. Now Alain ass, a former executive at the Financial Times and a Kaleidoscope volunteer, has launched a magazine called The Scope, aimed partly at parents. The first issue includes first-person accounts by young people who have been helped by Kaleidoscope, but it also includes insights into the scene" generally and provides lists of useful addresses and helpline numbers. Mr Cass's own children are now 21 and

avoided.

informed ten-year-old, he hopes that parents will think. "Gosh, do children really know this kind of thing at the age of 10? Perhaps I should talk to my children." The aim is not to make parents feel inadequate: "The thing about children is that we always imagine we know what they're thinking, but most of the time we

Reading the case of the alarmingly well-

got into drugs and shared a needle. "Perhaps, had there been more information and less fear about the problem, what happened might have been

That isn't a reflection on us as bad parents - it's just that parents and children live in different worlds.

e're trying to give an authentic teel of what it's like to be drawn into the culture. We're also providing a language that parents can use in talking to their children. "I think that information is neutral. But

I think how you use the information can be dangerous or can be beneficial. It depends entirely on how you present the information." Many parents will still feel, however,

that it should be presented in the most alarming way possible — the Leah Betts posters strike just the right tone. But are shock tactics the most effective ones to Mr Cass is not convinced. "I sympa-

thise and understand what Leah Betts's parents are going through," he says, choosing his words carefully. "But I think you have to move on from there. "We need to look at a way of helping

children to make lifesaving choices without appearing to condone what can undoubtedly be a dangerous habit. "But you can't stop people from doing what they want to do. If kids want to take

you going to cope with that reality." ● For more information on The Scope, contact

drugs, they will. The question is how are

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The war in the playground

ensure her playground is clear of discarded syringes. The daily ritual at Intake Primary School in Doncaster, south Yorkshire, is repeated in playgrounds across the

"Most primary schools have one of these now," says Mrs Paver, picking up a yellow box marked Destroy by incineration: contaminated sharps. "Playgrounds have always attracted young people in the evenings and we have to warn our children not to pick up anything ," she says.

Mrs Paver, vice-president of the National Association of Head Teachers, is under no illusion that the widespread availability of drugs puts all children at risk. Last September, a five-year-old from Grantham, Lincolnshire, had to be tested for the Aids virus and Hepatitis B after he stabbed himself in the hands with discarded dirty needles.

The national curriculum made schools reconsider their approach when it dictated in 1989 that all children should learn about drugs. "We talk to children about their bodies and tell them that if they abuse their body, bad things will happen," says Mrs Paver.

Te are not into scare / tactics, but giving so they can protect themselves. Five is not too young to start. If we are in the business of education, we must educate our children in how to cope."

This attitude is shared by Gill Empson, a primary school head in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. She testran a programme imported been adopted by all 346 primary schools in the county.

Dare - Drug Abuse Resistance Education — includes a 17-week course for nine-yearolds run with the police. It aims to give children the selfconfidence to resist drugs.

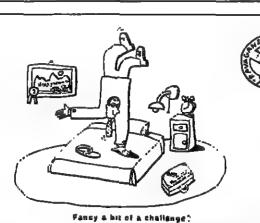
Gill is adamant that schools annot start soon enough. "In the last five years the availability of drugs has rocketed. Our mine-year-old children need have formed their ideas. It is too late when they are [3 or i4." The children act out situations, learning how to deflect pushers. They practise eight ways to say no, ranging from the "cold EDUCATING THE YOUNG

shoulder" to the "broken record" - repeating their refusal over and over again. The stark truth about the availability of drugs is spelt out by Inspector David Scott, of Nottinghamshire police.

"Four years ago heroin was £40 to £60 a spot, it is now £10. LSD is now £1.50 a tab — or 30p if you are buying a thousand," he says."This may sound shocking, but under-los are not shocked by it. It is

part of their culture." He says the Dare scheme helps children to make decisions and take responsibility. "The drug problem is not going to go away. It is going to get much worse. Enforcement won't stop it on its own."

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MY SISTER THE JUNKIE -

hen I last saw my sister two years ago, it was at my wedding. She was wearing black - black PVC trousers, a black cropped top and a black knee-length leather coat. Not long after the festivities started, she came over to me. "Just popping out to a drinks party," she said. "Be back soon." OK, I said. I wasn't going to point out the pathetically obvious: that I knew she was going to score heroin.

But then, maybe Tess thought I would swallow anything. After all, for three years I had lived with her without realising that she was a junkie. We shared a small, two-bedroom flat in Notting Hill, exposed to each other's most private domestic routines. I cramped her style (nocturnal goodtime girl) and she cramped mine (City square); but we made light of it and tried to stay out of each other's hair. It appealed to me that I was getting to know my glamorous sister, whose years at boarding school - a convent which, with earnest wrongheadedness, prepared its girls for

London society - had separated us. Then I moved out and my younger brother Jack, a lawyer, moved in. After he found a bottle of methadone on top

I cannot distinguish from the excuses.

cop-outs and likely stories I have heard since. We believed it.

We didn't tell our parents. Children

don't, unless it's absolutely necessary.

Like sex and rock 'n' roll, drugs are a generational vice and naturally subject

to a youthful conspiracy of silence. Thus my friends Abigail and Louise

have for five years tried to manage their eldest sister's heroin addiction.

and still they have not informed their

parents. Optimistically, they are trying to exploit their sorority and twentysomethingness in an effort to

They are wasting their time. Jack

and I tried a version of this and it didn't

work. That Christmas, at my parents'

house. Tess was so stupefied by the Temazepam she had swallowed as a

nightcap that, by the following after-noon, she still hadn't woken up. She

had to be dragged from her bed and

manhandled on to her train to London.

A short while later, Jack again found

We told our parents what we knew.

Soon afterwards, at a special family

gathering, my sister admitted to us that she was addicted to heroin, and

had been for the previous seven years.

and professional shambles characteristic of junkies: little capacity for work,

a morbid liking for sleep, skinniness,

colds and dreadful nightmares when

she went on family summer holidays.

and a mysterious elusiveness, in

and her boyfriend, no connoisseurs of

avant-garde prose, owned copies of William Burroughs's The Naked Lunch; why she so identified with Billie

Holiday; and why she thought that

Patti Smith was beautiful. Adulation,

even imitation, of the famously stoned

Suddenly and irreversibly, the world

of heroin was mine to inhabit: a realm

as personal as a nightmare. Only the

good thing about a nightmare - that ou wake up from it — was absent.

Detox in London followed the family

meeting: rehab was a six-week stint at

a clinic in the country. Family mem-bers took turns to visit Tess and

participate in group therapy. At my

session, I found myself surprisingly

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is a typical feature of junkledom.

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inner-city signals that her chic, trashy look gave out. Now I understood why she

conversation and in person.

in a flash, it was clear that Tess's history exactly resembled the personal

methadone in the flat.

persuade her to come clean.

enraged and tearful. I felt defrauded. She had lied to me for years without a qualm, and the intimacies we had shared for all that time seemed little more than a joke at my expense. She had taken fraternal gifts innocently proffered — loyalty, co-operation, money — and corrupted them. She had subverted the peculiar fidelity that underpins sibling love.

Look in a bookshop and you won't find books that address these feelings. Go to an FA (Families Anonymous) meeting and you will meet junkies parents and partners, but rarely their brothers and sisters. Perhaps because there is no outlet for their concerns, siblings become adept at containing the addict's impact on their lives.

But perhaps there is a deeper, more troubling reason for one's ability to cope, connected with the rough-andready nature of sibling love. Brothers and sisters do not choose one another, or voluntarily spend their childhood years together. Their relations are, however affectionate, founded on cooperation and territorial respect. Good fences make good siblings. Thus Jack and I, Tess's flatmates and peers, failed to see what was in front of our noses." Tess relapsed after rehab and the

family adopted a "tough love" strategy. But after suspending normal relations for two years, my parents began to crack. My mother fell victim to anguished retrospection and dreadful imaginings; my father twice sufiered cardiac fibri)lations. On top of everything else, each became anxious about the other. And so last Christmas, when Tess falsely asserted - yet again -

Addiction perversely glamorised in Trainspotting that she was clean. of the television set. Tess admitted that they invited her home. But I decided she had dabbled in heroin but said she that, for the first time. I would not go was now clean. Dabbling? Methahome for Christmas. Someone had to done? She gave us an explanation that hold the line, for Tess's sake; besides, I

> fraudulent holiday. At a post-Christmas FA meeting, it became clear that the holidays of virtually everyone there had been spoilt. But whereas parents are used to putting their children's needs before their own, siblings are not. Like plants struggling beneath evergreens, we are denied the familial sunlight by the addict's presence - and we resent it. He's not invited to my daughter's christening," a colleague said of his smackhead twin, "I've had enough."

could not face the prospect of a

ack did go home - to support our parents, not Tess. "I don't care whether she's a junkie for the rest of her life," he said, "just so long as she doesn't hurt Mother and

"But that means you're giving up on her," I objected.

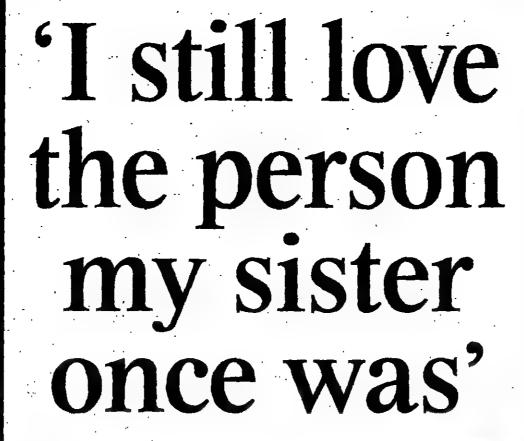
Jack said, chillingly: "Taking drugs makes her happy - and unless she's happy, Mother won't be."

My brother has a point. The most distressing thing of all has not been Tess's plight, but witnessing my par-

But the news is not all bad. Brothers and sisters can play a positive part, helping their parents to come to terms with the agonies they suffer. The distance that siblings keep from each other, and the elastic love that nevertheless connects them, enables "clean" children to enact "tough love". And rightly or wrongly, my brotherly love does not allow me to write Tess off. I still love her. I especially love the person she once was. I still long for her clean essence to emerge once the druginduced fakeries have been stripped away. But to remove these is, in Tess's case, to strip away that relentless fiction, her adult life. And this is what

is frightening, for us and her. So this is the position of complicity we have reached. My junkle sister concocts fictions that my parents and, for all I know, she herself - buy into: my brother goes with the flow for my parents' sake; and I'm left out on a limb. This is not a promising situation.

In fact, it is desperately sad. If I could lovingly release our family from Tess, I would. It would be the healthiest thing for her, for me and Jack, and for my parents. But I cannot; so we are still all tied to her in knots that are as hard to unravel as those that bind Tess to her dark, true sibling. ■ This article first appeared in Vogue. All the names have been changed





When heroin steals a beloved brother or sister, the dark shadow over family life eclipses siblings, too

Self-help brings fresh hope

THE MOTHER'S STORY ---

PARENTS are often the last to know that their son or daughter has a serious drug problem. Mary Smith discovered that her son, Christian, was a heroin addict when the police banged on her door to tell her he had turned to crime to pay for his addiction. "

l was devastated. I didn't have a clue," she recalls. But she was not alone. Throughout the early 1990s, parents in Knowle West, a south Bristol council estate, were discovering that a generation of the area's youth had been "kidnapped" by heroin.

But when Mrs Smith went in search of help for her son, there was none available. There were lots of other mothers in my position," she says, "so we decided to do something about it. We invited the people that matter to a public meeting and the mothers told their story."

Heart-wrenching accounts of children lost to the needle, of young lives wasted and of kind and caring offspring turned into thieving, lying mon-sters, had a dra-

matic effect. Four months later. Mrs Smith and several other mothers of addicts formed Kwads (Knowle West Against Drugs),

motto: Experts on tap not on top. They meet every week to share information and give each other support. Periodically they hold public meetings, where parents can learn more about the drugs threat facing their children.

But their most radical work is done in local schools. "We don't go in as teachers or counsellors," says Mrs Smith, now Kwads' chairperson.
"We go in as what we are: the parents of heroin addicts. We tell the truth about our personal lives and it is said from the heart." They started with the 14- to 16-year-olds but found their areatest impact was in primary schools.

The project now has an office and three full-time staff. Next month it will host a national conference for the parents of addicts.

Yet the success of Kwads has not ended Mrs Smith's personal agony with Chris-tian, now 23. "He is in a drugs programme, but every so often he has a breakout. I wouldn't be telling the truth if I said he was well. I have another child, Emily. 1 brought them up both the

same way and she went to university and he became an addict. I still don't know why that happened."

Like Mrs Smith before her shocking introduction into the world of drugs, most parents' fear for their children is sharpened by ignorance.

"Like most activities that put the fear of God into parents, the casualty rate is very low," says Harry Shapiro, of the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependency. "For those who dabble, there are no guarantees, but the truth is they are unlikely to end up in shadow on television or stretched out on a mortuary slab.

There are tell-tale signs of drug use - the cardboard filter of a cannabis joint or a somebody who doesn't smoke. But the important thing is for parents to familiarise themselves with the drugs scene,

and the earlier the 'We tell better. Experts recommend that from the truth the age of four, children should be about our taught that drug misuse is harmful. lives and

From seven they should know the it is from dangers of discarded syringes and needles and be the heart' introduced to the law on the use of drugs. From 11, they should be

taught about categories of drugs, including stimulants and hallucinogens, and terms such as addiction, overdose and adulteration. From 14, they should know about drugs' legal status, effect and appearance and danger of mixing drugs.

THE Government's strategy, Tackling Drugs Together has published A Parents' Guide to Drugs and Solvents, which explains 14 drugs. It encourages parents to talk to their children about drugs and advises: "Don't bully your children; don't lecture member how it felt to be lectured at don't preach being holier than thou does not help a child: don't try to scare your children with shock horror stories. It doesn't

The message a child needs to hear and believe from a parent is, says the bookiet: "I may not like what you have done, but I still love you."

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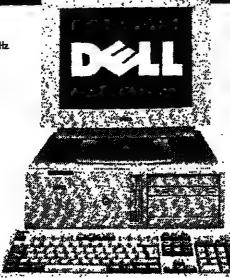
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of forfeiting the people's trust

election campaign by asking the public to trust him. It was an extraordinary appeal, based on the admission that Britain would have been wrong to trust him at any time in the past.

Mr Blair has learnt a lesson from four successive election defeats. He knows that he cannot win power by following his instincts. The people have rejected them, though he does not understand why. In his desperation for power he seeks direction elsewhere: from focus groups, from the media, from Europe. These are not solid foundations on which to fight an election campaign, let alone on which to build a government. No wonder Labour had such an uncomfortable fortnight of confusion and contradiction at the start of the campaign.

Then, in desperation, they switched tactics to a campaign of lies and smears which reached its grubby extreme last week when Tony Blair the man who once vowed to "think the unthinkable" about welfare, the man who pleads piously to be trusted — looked straight into the television cameras and lied to the British people about the Government's pension re-

Labour in Conservatives knew he was lying. office would The media knew he was lying — or "peddling false-hoods" as The vacillate: appeasing, Times more delinot leading cately described it. Without doubt he

knew he was lying. But scaring the vulnerable with cold-blooded lies is seen as fair by new Labour. It is just the latest demonstration that Labour is prepared to say and

do anything for power. It is no wonder that over the past few weeks in dozens of constituencies around the country I have detected little enthusiasm for new Labour. The mood is one of uncertainty, doubt and confusion. Mr Blair has not won the people's have met few people who think that things would actually improve under Labour. But I have met many who think just what Mr Blair wishes them to think, just what the entire cynical exercise of fashioning new Labour out of old Labour was meant to make people believe: that it wouldn't make much difference.

Others understand all too well that a Labour government would make things worse, harm our economy and weaken our country. But they are considering voting Labour anyway because they think the Tories would benefit from a spell in opposition, and that five years on we could be returned, rejuvenated and refreshed, to sort out the mess. I have a simple message to those people: you are wrong. In government the Conservative Party has faced the challenges needed to change Britain for the better. And as we demonstrate in our manifesto. we continue to be the party of ideas, ready to take on the challenges of the future. In opposition, we could only be spectators as Mr Blair reversed the progress we have made in the past 18 years,

Tony Blair began the undermined our economic strength, gave up British sovereignty to Europe and broke up the United Kingdom.

People should be in no doubt that when Mr Blair says "new Britain" he means it. His manifesto contains a series of proposals to change the constitution which would be hard to reverse. He describes these plans as "the biggest programme of change to democracy ever proposed by a political party". Yet they are not promoted among his five publicised pledges. They do not number among his ten vows — his self-styled "contract with Britain". It is hard to recall his even mentioning them in his and press conferences during this campaign. But, if elected, he would claim a mandate to vandalise our constitution, and quickly set about doing so,

Mr Blair's determination to tear up our constitution is born of his distaste for the traditions and institutions of a Britain that has rejected his natural instincts. He confines these policies to the margins of his rhetoric because they fail the only test he applies to what he says: Is it popular?

For Tony Blair's highest aspiration is merely to echo

what is popular. He is a follower not a leader. That is why he tries to be all things to all men. That is why he says different things to different audiences. That is why, in this campaign, he has at the simplest probCabinets and Tory bloodletting.

In this trade, we like to pretend we

didn't: it takes more than the swear-

ing-in of a new government to stop

Both main parties know from their

constantly, and why both sides long

to pelt Edwina Currie with duff eggs.

Airily conceding victory before the

ballot is not modesty but a wilful

misunderstanding of the electorate. A

German radio journalist told his

listeners: "These people could do

It is time to throw a lifeline

of sympathy to floating voters. I do

not mean absentees: I take the

schoolmarm line that their names

should be posted up in their

neighbourhoods after each election

so that everybody knows the lazy

human reality behind the phrase

"low turnout". Nor am I bothered

about those who write "Bastards!"

across the names of all the candi-

dates, or lunatics who cover the paper

with tiny intricate allegations in

green ink that the Pope is in league

with Martians. Just pity the real

floaters, who value the vote but can't

I was a floater once - in 1979

- and it was miserable. Even left-

liberals were fed up with the incom-

petence of the Callaghan administra-

tion and the suicidal trade unions

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what he plans to do to Britain. Sunday brought the starkest and most ominous example of Mr Blair's approach. In his appeal to middle Britain he places his party "in the centre, speaking for the mainstream majority", and claims to have put behind him everything we used to associate with the Labour Party. Last weekend, trying to curry favour with the Left's old guard at The Observ-Left and I want the Left to be part of this project. I want the Left to realise that if we win this election, we will have done so without ceding any ground that cannot be recovered." The man who bases his appeal for Britain's trust on the claim that Labour is truly "new". now admits that every change

ing of what he believes and of

in his party can, and by implication will, be reversed. The greatest danger of new Labour in power is not that it would suddenly be overrun by a re-emerging hard-core Left, but that in government it would be exactly as it is in opposition: rootless and vacillating, seeking only to ap-pease never to lead. We would face the consequences almost at once: in six weeks' time when critical decisions about our sovereignty are negotiated at the Amsterdam summit, and in 12 weeks time in Labour's promised emergency

Many in the media have already written Mr Blair into Downing Street. He certainly



A lifeline for floaters

The millions who are still indecisive have t isn't in the bag, you know: don't be fooled. Never mind all that stuff predicting Labour

my sympathy. I was once among them

Far from the hothouse of political interest, millions are still indecisive. in on stretchers, the Lib-Lab pact, no decisiveness or dignity anywhere. That mood led me, at the last minute, I do not mean those shy, legendary creatures, the "secret Tory voters" who lie to pollsters while intending to the despicable floater course of voting with the poll swing. If other to vote Conservative all the time. I people were voting Tory, so would I, mean the real floaters, still rubbing so minimising the chance of another their heads in honest perplexity. hung Parliament. A friend, following the same emotional path through that election, agreed. "After all," she Thursday is too soon for these humble Hamlets: some will not finally decide until the pencil is in said, "even if they're bastards to the poor. Tories are great business people, aren't they? They'll make the their hand, some will come out of the booth still unhappy, saying, as one neighbour did last time, "Oh dear, I country rich, then we can afford social democracy." really don't know if I've done the It was that simple, that stupid, that right thing". Weeks later she still

human. Our marginal Tory won. Reader. I elected him. I personally helped canvassing that indecision is rife. to kick-start the This is why Tony Blair strives mod-Conservative years. estly to avoid the unconditional But we feckless sindreamt that our deed would begin an aeon of one-

party rule, stretching into our own children's teenage

Today's floating voters have it even harder, although once again their dilemma is less likely to be about ideology than about effectiveness. At least in 1979 everybody of voting age could remember the failures of two kinds of government and choose between sets of experienced ministers. Now it is a contest of old and new, habit and mystery, and all the more irrational for that. Not knowing which shore to swim for, the floaters are buffered by powerful emotional

A strong instinct tells them particularly Mrs Floater - that you should always keep tight hold of Nurse, for fear of finding something worse. When decent John Major says "Wake up to the danger!", she is receptive. Times have been hard, the children's school is far from perfect. the hospital is a worry, and the articles she reads about the criminal underclass are reinforced by the shuttered unkempt look of city

without one, this is pretty alarming. Logic does not come into it, for real

Mr Floater, meanwhile, is less pessimistic business has started to look up and he is almost convinced by the argument that delicate shoots of recovery would be crushed by the insensitive Labour boot. Almost, but not quite. He remembers the VAT rises, the exchange-rate mechanism debacle, the quadrupling of his business rate and how near he is to negative equity. Two of his old friends are bankrupt, and he doesn't think it is their fault. He resents this

having happened during a time when, even without illegality, former government ministers seem to do so well for themselves

Another current pulls the floaters towards new Labour. Keeping tight hold

of Nurse is cosy, but sometimes when they look up into the face of Nurse and see the sneer of Dr Mawhinney, the smugness of Michael Howard or even the familiar sheeplike earnestness of the Prime Minister, they suddenly want to snatch their hands away. Dear God, not again! The Tories in 1997 are the depressing party, the scribbled-over, dog-eared tearstained exercise book of a party. Must we really go back to those crabbed pages?

The floater feels a surge of certainty: it is time for a fresh sheet, a new book, a clean new hope. Europe is not a problem: the floater is not bothered about the single currency or a federal superstate, thanks to an inner conviction that it won't happen anyway because Europeans will mess it up. But the whole family really liked Tony Blair's party political broad-cast, the one with the tennis and the children and the bright kitchen and the man's keen-eyed, sincere his father's honest business failure, his dank aura of evening-classes, Tizer, county cricket and old maids on bicycles. They suspect that a new Labour government on Friday would ive them the same surge of glee they felt when they chucked out the chintz and gave the nasty old weddingpresent china to the charity shop.

But floaters are not stupid: they know that any new sheet will soon be covered in tears and blots and mistakes. Moreover, they are British and have an innate need to cherish frayed old objects. The Conservative Party are well, sort of heritage now, aren't they? We've grown accustomed to their faces. Labour might harbour strange germs. Might it not be better to stick by the greasy antimacassar we know, and Granny Thatcher's

chipped old gravy-boat?
So the floaters watch the campaign, unhappy and restless. They know it is up to them what happens next, but can't decide. Once, their problem might have been solved in a simple human way by esteem for a particular local candidate, but these invisible against the harsh arc-lights of the media campaign. So in the end, it will be a small thing that sways them: perhaps even on the journey to the polling station. In the countryside, it might be a row of brutal Tory posters marching along a roadside prairie, some big landowner's defiant abuse of the power of property to outshine the brave. wrinkled, red and orange patches in the windows of the cottages. In the city it might be an equally brutal Marx-red sticker shouting "SMASH THE TORIES!" This makes the floater stiffen in protest, his Cold War bunions twingeing, and swing to the

Then comes a 1960s song on the radio, a shower of rain after drought. or the voices of children at a school Maypole singing the song about the Peasants' Revolt: "Labour and spin for fellowship, I say, Labour and spin for the love of one another, in the light that is coming in the morning." The floater sniffles, and swings left again. Then something else happens. The floater is so confused by now that it might just be a wink from a pretty student outside the polling

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argues that Major can still pull it off

have never been a fan of opinion polls. On May 28, 1945, Gallup showed a Labour lead of 16 per cent, followed by 9 per cent on June 18 and 6 per cent on July 4. Polling day was July 5. The outcome was a Labour lead of 20.4 per cent. There was some speculation that it was the latecounted Service vote that made the difference. Not really. More than half the servicemen entitled to vote didn't. Among the 1,700,000 who did, there Among the 1.700,000 who day there was a Labour majority, but not by nearly enough to explain why the final Gallup poll was so wrong. Incidentally, even in that great landslide Labour achieved only 48.3 per

cent of the votes.

In the 1992 election, polls showed a clear Labour victory. Subsequently, when people were asked how they had voted, the majority said Labour. This was due to many voters saying on the way in that they were Labour, putting a cross against the Conservatives and announcing on the way out they had voted Labour. Hence the frenzied leapings of Peter Snow with his swingometer, proving from the exit polls that Labour was a certainty. and his gloom when they lost. This Thursday's is the hardest election to

read in my lifetime. In 1970, the polls predicted defeat for Ted Heath up to the end, but two things happened. One was a month with an unexpectedly adverse balance of payments, then thought to be the test of economic success. The other was Harold Wilson leaning out of a window inviting people below to tea with him at No 10 after the election. The element of hubris in Mr Blair has fed upon itself during the campaign. For days it has been said that a removal van is loading up his belongings outside his Islington house. If so, what is its destination? Labour has a rule: all those with Shadow portfolios must initially be given the portfolio itself in a Labour government. Now we hear that unregenerate old guard members of the Shadow Cabinet will be relegated to minor offices.

Millions of old-fashioned socialists resent the diktat that socialism is the vice new Labour-dare not name. Those thus affronted also tend to have deep patriosic feelings which in-spire detestation of the ever more encroaching powers of Brussels. They are aware that acting tough with dissenters in the run-up to the election is a doddle compared to standing up to bullying by Herr Kohl and his stand up to Mr Major in a one-to-one television debate. Mr Major has proved his mettle by gaining opt-outs on the single currency and the social chapter which Mr Blair and the Labour leaders opposed in the Maastricht debate in 1992. But for Mr Major, Mr Blair, if he were to win, would have no negotiating position at the Amsterdam Euro-summit in June. Mr Blair's approach to the EU is accommodatingly wet in contrast to Major's dogged determination to be isolated until he gets his way.

y instinct is that many who once were the solid base of L the genuinely socialist Labour Party will abstain or even vote for Major. They will not toy with Paddy Ashdown, who is regarded as pointless. For those former Tory voters who tell the polisters they have switched to Mr Blair, there is a new worry. After being charmed by the promise that their personal income tax rates would not be increased, they are beginning to realise there are many ways to skin a cat. Why otherwise, after pledging to stick to Tory spending plans for at least two years, has Gordon Brown now said he will hold an emergency Budget if he is Chancellor on May 2? It is not just for the legalised theft of the windfall tax. which will depreciate the value of millions of shareholdings in the affected companies and in the pension funds that have invested in them. It is a clear signal of new taxes to pay for their few firm promises, namely to try to decrease youth unemployment by 250,000 with an unworkable scheme, and to improve the NHS, which Mr Blair ludicrously claims has been wrecked by the Tories.

There is another point missed, Last Sunday on television Mr Blair declared that the unemployment figures are cooked by the Government. and are 529,000 higher than stated. So he presumably would put the missing 529,000 on unemployment benefit - a massive undertaking costing several billions. Along with the emergency Budget, there would inevitably be rises in interest and mortgage rates, which would deliver a punch in the stomach to the middleclass voters Mr Blair has been assiduously wooing. However much he denigrates the state of the economy, many in the middle class have thought it so sound, and progressing so well, that not even Mr Blair and Mr Brown could ruin it Now they are having last-minute second

thoughts. Against all the pollsters, and chumps like the pornographic bestseller and disloyal Tory Edwina Currie, I do not believe Tony Blair will win by a landslide. On the contrary, I believe that John Major, who has fought brilliantly, is on course for a majority of around 30-40, plus his natural allies, the Northern Ireland Unionists, who do not trust the mercurial Mr Blair.

tion, comparability, British Leyland?) takes victory for granted. But the British people have not But the Heath Government was also streets when she ventures from her Christian urge to put the nation in a horribly fresh in the memory. The safe suburb. Nice Mr Major says hot bath and give it a good scrub. The spoken yet. And when they do mood of the moment was frustration Floater family saw that and remem-bered John Major's maudlin waterthat things get worse under Labat the chaos of inadequate majorities: our governments; considering how Mr Blair's face. bad they are even after 18 years cliffhanger votes, sick MPs brought colour hymns to his Brixton roots and play for, even then. The Menace fully to keep them under control.

THE Conservative Party may have anticipated an outburst from Edwina Currie, who predicted a Labour landslide at the weekend. but Cabinet members must have thought they were safe with Sir

Denis Thatcher. Unfortunately, they weren't. Yesterday in Hong Kong, Sir Denis dismissed the chances of John Major's survival as Prime Minister with a wave of his hand. After a lunch in the colony with some of its tycoons, he joined the Duchess of York's cigar-smoking

friend David Tang for a stroll. When asked by onlookers how he assessed the chance of Major's survival in the election on Thurs-

day, he laughed and said: "Nil". Friends of the Conservative Party suggest that Sir Denis's lively lunch had encouraged a slip of the tongue, and that he had not meant what he said. Yesterday, Conservative Central Office was not prepared to consider the unthinkable: It's very unlikely that he said that," said one Major loyalist.

Baroness Thatcher, who took time off the campaign trail with Sir Denis to visit Hong Kong - where they were guests of honour at a party thrown by Tang - has

some now claim, has been undone by Sir Denis's joie de vivre on the eve of Hong Kong's handover.

Red Gould

Philip Gould will not be idle if the party wins on Thursday, Not only



"Invaders in sight at Nine O'Clock"

LABOUR'S campaign strategist is he being earmarked as the Tim Bell of the Blair administration,

but he is also at work on his inside account of the election campaign. The book has been attracting the interest of the leading London

houses, eagerly searching for a British Primary Colors. I hear that the secretive Gould has opted for Random House — which happens to be run by his wife, the equally elusive Gail Rebuck. Nothing like keeping it in the family.

Indelicacy

RADIO 4's Today programme countered the tedium of the election campaign yesterday when it fielded its star interviewer, Jim Naughtie, to report on differing pain thresholds between men and women. He got the giggles, not for the first time, and struggled man-

The rot set in when he asked two distinguished columnists, Auberon Waugh and Ann Leslie, for their views. Waugh promptly raised the notion of men producing milk from their breasts.

Naughtie then said: "Anyone who wants to volunteer to tickle Auberon Waugh's nipples, write to him and not to us." At which the Today studio erupted, and Ann Leslie and co-presenter Sue Mac-Gregor disappeared under a table in fits. "Excuse me, this is terrible," apologised our hero as he stumbled into a report on BSE and dogs.

In accord

THE MOST important stars of Anthony Minghella's cast in The English Patient are to perform live in Salisbury for the first time since the film's success at the Oscars. Minghella's mother Gloria and

his Aunt Betty, accordion players who take a cameo role at the end of the film, have been pressed into service again. By day they run an ice-cream factory; by night they are keyboard virtuosi.

They will appear at the Salisbury Festival of Literature next month. Guests are promised a rendition of the Neopolitan and Italian Folk accordion music that was featured in the film with "an authentic

Well or ISE



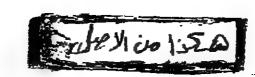
The Oscar-winning English Patient cast is to reassemble

sound of a non-professional pair". However, Minghella's mother, Gloria, who with her sister has been playing the accordion since she was a child, was less than sure about her debut in Salisbury: "He has only mentioned it to me in passing. I don't even know when it is. I'll cut his ears off when I see him. He is a very naughty boy."

 London's Evening Standard. which rooted for John Major in

the last election, has given up on the Conservatives. In today's paper, the editorial column advises its readers to vote Labour: "Both democracy and public policy demand a change of government on Thursday." Odd. The Barbourclad Editor, Max Hastings, has always struck me as being grouse moors away from Tony Blair.

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A vote for Members who will defend Parliament

o endorse is, at its simplest, to write on the back of a piece of paper, an endorsement is also an approval of a specific act. a signal of a transfer of power, even a warning that a licence for action may be taken away. A newspaper's endorsement at election time is a mixture of all those things.

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In 200 years The Times has never assumed that its readers take its advice to vote for politicians or platforms. We still respect our readers too much to make that assumption. In the past weeks we have been especially affected by the views of readers who think that we should not offer advice at all. We entered this campaign with an open mind about what and whom we would support - and we have reported and commented in that spirit.

We have also been asked by readers to respect our traditions in assessing whom we support. For some that is a Tory tradition; for others it is a more complex pattern of endorsement that deserves our respect.

Throughout the elections of this century a number of themes emerge that have resonance in the arguments of today. The first is the importance of the individual Member of Parliament. In this election season we have given support to candidates as varied as the Liberal Democrat Liz Lynne in Rochdale and Sir James Goldsmith of the Referendum Party in Putney; in the past both Michael Foot and Shirley Williams have been endorsed - whether they liked it or not - for their contributions to Parliament.

The second theme has been a preference for endorsing policy over party. We have

long preferred the principles of economic radicalism and personal liberties over the parties and people who espoused them. One of the greatest achievements of The Times in its youth was to escape from the partisan tradition of the London press. In the early years of this century, despite its generally Liberal instincts. The Times placed its support for the Union and Empire above its preference for party. In the long approach to this election we have made clear our support for the fresh air and fresh leadership which Tony Blair has brought to the Opposition: but in 1997 our concerns for the Union are with us still and our preference for global trade over continental ties inevitably

The third theme has been the support of strong unconventional leaders. Both Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher received personal support from The Times at a level which their parties did not; so too did Joseph Chamberlain and David Owen. John Major, by contrast, has been a true man of his parliamentary machine. His

colour our view of Labour.

skills are those of a whip. His proudest boasts have been for his powers of negotiation. After receiving cautious support from The Times in 1992, the Prime Minister lost us in the chaos of Britain's ejection from Europe's exchange-rate mechanism. In a more robust political age he would have lost his job thereafter as well; in this age he survived, despite time after time confusing stubbornness with strength and, in Norman Lamont's lasting phrase, office with power. In 1995 The Times called for a full-scale leadership contest, a proper test of the Prime Minister's support: the Tory party took a different view.

The fourth theme has been a willingness to withhold our support from both people and parties. For long periods there was a clear predisposition here against endorsing a government at the polls. In 1945, the election which many commentators compare to the poll this week, the position of The Times was notably opaque. In 1955 it remained neutral. Throughout the Sixties the volume of support for the Liberals was vastly in excess of its muffled calls to vote Conservative. Our strong support of Lady Thatcher in the 1980s was, in this regard, counter to our traditions, not central to them. At the heart of this newspaper is its independence from political favour: to give up that independence even for a day is an acr that The Times must justify to its readers and itself.

This election campaign has now just two days to run. The ploys and pleas of the participants are almost over. Much of what has happened has been predictable and deeply patterned in the past. All those government ministers who have been friendly in Hackney, faithless in Whitehall would have been as easily recognisable to Pope - and to Dickens and Orwell - as they are to the satirists of today. No less familiar are the old politicians in Tatton and elsewhere who "chew on wisdom past and totter on in business to the last"; the tired and corrupt have always been with us and

nothing will change that. Two developments, however, have been truly striking. The first is the transformation of the Labour Party under Tony Blair into a party that is both electable and about to be elected as the Government of Great Britain. The speed of this change - the abandonment of so many anachronistic and disastrous policies in so short a period of time has been extraordinary. The Times has strongly supported this revolution. So great

has been the speed of change that faith and imagination, rather than firm policy pronouncements, must form the source of optimism for those millions who intend to vote Labour for the first time this week. Even in recent weeks Labour's policies on unions and privatisation, devolution and fishing, have moved so quickly that only its opinion poll lead has seemed to stay the same. And yet the Labour leader has worked hard for the faith that he inspires. We wish him well. Imagination has been much lacking in our government and we shall be happy to see it back. But we do not put our name to what is still a tower of dreams.

The second development is the simultaneous collapse of the body and spirit of the Conservative Party. While Lahour has been changing itself, the very momentum of its metamorphosis has been enough to keep it together. For the Conservatives there has been no equivalent movement to keep the party upright. A tiny mandate from 1992, tightening tensions between Right and Left within the party, reactive leadership and unnecessarily prolonged recession have taken a heavy toll.

Both parties have had to deal with the question that, above all others, ought to define this campaign, Both parties, however, are divided about the future of Britain's relationship to the continent of Europe. Neither leadership, therefore, has wanted Europe to be an issue. Yet, somehow, driven by a few brave British politicians and a few careless Brussels bureaucrats, Europe has become the most invigorating subject on the doorsteps in these last electioneering days.

For The Times today — and for The Times in the spirit of its best past the European future is the fulcrum of public policy. A proper sense of the choices now facing this country, a profound vision of how the current moves to unite Europe could all so easily bring its collapse, a clearsighted understanding of the gulf between what our partners say, what they mean and what they really want: that is what Britain needs to be able to vote for at this election. The divergent views on this subject ought to form the line along which the parties divide; but they do not. They form dividing lines only within the parties. In the Conservatives the lines are open and opening further by the day; this process will continue until a new leader matches the spirit of the new MPs. In the Labour Party the lines are largely closed by discipline and fear of defeat; but they may still be uncovered. Our endorsement in this election, therefore, fails not on a party slate but upon individual candidates whose European ideals we can support. We have made our choices

carefully according to our best judgments about the men and women who are standing for election. We ask our readers, however, to supplement our judgment wherever possible with their own. Our endorsed candidates are from six different political parties. Our hope is that the next House of Commons should be as full as possible with those MPs who will give strong, independent consideration to sovereignty, security and competitiveness.

s we argued yesterday, there is no easy choice in this election for those whose main wish is to Lendorse a policy against the further integration of the European Union. Times readers do not, however, need only easy options. The Referendum Party may give some simple relief from the traditional choices; but, if the voter aims to make a difference, we do not advise a vote for Sir James Goldsmith's party except in Putney. where the Tory, David Mellor, is an influential supporter of his leadership's hesitant line, and in Reigate, where the former Tory MP and Eurosceptic campaigner. Sir George Gardiner, is the candidate.

More important is a vote in support of the Conservatives who have either proved their sceptical credentials already or who have been emboldened by public opinion and government weakness to declare their hand during the course of this campaign. Of still greater significance is a vote for Labour opponents of further European integration; the greater the numbers of the potential European rebels behind Prime Minister Blair, the stronger the voice of scepticism

In some seats sceptics will have the chance to vote against well known supporters of integration such as Sir Edward Heath. Edwina Currie and Giles Radice. For those who wish to follow this endorsement from The Times these opportunities should be grasped as firmly as the chance to cast a positive vote. Yesterday we published the best list possible of those whom we would endorse in this way. In certain other seats, in Northern Ireland for example, different criteria will apply; in some there will be none. On polling day we will publish as full a list as possible, including any amendments and corrections that have been brought to our attention. In the hope that no more power be transferred from Britain. in the best tradition of our past and in the best hope for the future, this is the endorsement that we make.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Britain's future in Europe as factor in voting intentions

From Sir Patrick Cormack. Parliamentary Candidate for Staffordshire South (Conservative)

Sir, Your "Good Eurosceptic voting guide" (April 28) hardly justifies the adjective. Your leader, which does acknowledge that there is an inevita-ble degree of fudge in your classi-fication, challenges individual candidates to declare themselves.

As one whom you list among the Europhiles", I have always been implacably opposed to a federal Europe but I do believe most strongly in the need for a cohesive European Union of nation states - and an enlarged

I have consistently advocated the advantages of a common, or parallel, currency and expressed no enthusiasm at any time for a single currency, though I believe that the Prime Minister's insistence on Britain's being represented while crucial negotiations are conducted is entirely correct.

A number of those colleagues whom you have listed alongside me take a similar view. Among those you list as worthy of Eurosceptic support are some who would pull out of both Union and single market. Is that the Thunderer's hidden agenda?

Yours laithfully, PATRICK CORMACK, Campaign Headquarters. The Firs, Station Road, Codsall, South Staffordshire. Anril 28.

From the National Organiser of the UK Independence Party

Sir. Must we really obey Lord Rees-Mogg ("How to vote sceptically", April 24) and vote for the Tory candidates opposing the single currency in their election addresses despite the official wait and see policy. I wonder whether there would have been quite that number if a pro-Euro millionaire had offered these fine candidates double that given by Mr Paul Sykes, for them to shut up on this subject and toe the party line. Heaven forbid that the electorate

should vote out of "sympathy", as Rees-Mogg puts it, for the motives of parties such as the UKIP, whilst the opportunity exists to return Conservatives who saved the Maastricht treaty.

Yours sincerely DAVID LOTT (Parliamentary Candidate for Hexham (UK Independence Party)). Woodhill, Otterburn, Newcastle upon Tyne.

From Sir Anthony Meyer

April 24.

Sir, There must be many thousands who remain Conservative because, unlike Emma Nicholson and her colleagues (letter, April 28), we have not finally given up hope of recovering at any rate a large section of our party for its traditional One Nation, pro-European policies. But we shall be voting Liberal Democrat in those constimencies where their candidate comes closest to our ideals, and we hope to see a large Liberal Democrat contingent in the next House of

l am. etc. **ANTHONY MEYER** (Conservative MP. 1964-66; 1970-92). 9 Cottage Place, SW3.

From Mr David Howell

Sir. Sir Michael Butler asserts ("Europe is rooting for Blair", April 21) that "we export more to The Netherlands than to all the Asian tigers put together".

I do not know where he got this "fact" from, but it is quite untrue. The figures in Economic Trends, published by the Office of National Statistics, show that for 1995 - the latest available year - the total export

£18,866 million. From Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand — to take only some of the "tigers" — total export earnings were £21,261 million.

earnings from The Netherlands for all

British goods and services were

Yours faithfully. DAVID HOWELL, Chalk Croft Farm, Penton Mewsey, Andover, Hampshire.

From Mr Rodney Leach

Sir. You gave Sir Michael Butler 106 lines to air the conventional Commission legend of "Eurosceptic myths".

How about his own myths? His comment that "we export more to The Netherlands than to all the Asian tigers put together" is at best a halftruth: physical exports to Holland are exaggerated by the throughput of Rotterdam, while exports to Singapore and Hong Kong are largely in

Sir Michael attributes European peace to the EU, without a word about the American nuclear umbrella or the reluctance of democracies to fight each other.

He says Nato takes away more of our sovereignty than Maastricht, not mentioning that European meaty prorisions are irreversible, whereas Britain's accession to Nato can be revoked at any time. Besides, a senior diplomat should not confuse sovereignty with power.

German leaders from Adenauer, 40 years ago, to Kohl and President Herzog today have said that their aim is the end of the European nation state. Is it now a display of "hostility to ... Europeans" to quote continental statesmen verbatim and in context?

Yours faithfully. RODNEY LEACH, 3 Lombard Street, EC3. April 23.

From Mr Leslie Fraser-Mitchell

Sir. How gratifying to learn that Prime Minister John Major will, in opposition, be prepared to offer expert advice to Tony Blair on how to deal with Europe in the matter of single currency (interview, April 21).

Will he also advise him how to deal with any future crisis in beef exports to Europe, or how best to protect Britain's fishing interests?

Yours faithfully, LESLIE FRASER-MITCHELL. Fraser's Rest. Briar Close Necton, Swaffham, Norfolk. April 21.

Land for housing View from academe

From Sir Alfred Sherman

Sir, Connoisseurs of verbal sleight of hand will be lost in admiration for your lead letter today, "Academics opt for change on May I", by tycoons from that surviving nationalised industry academe. Like Labour's bulldog withour private parts, their stirring election address omits to tell readers for whom they should vote.

Is it because the manifestants are divided between merits of two, or even more, paladins of tax and spend? Or are they leaving an escape route in case of a last-minute Tory victory or possible reproaches from potential donors whose largesse they will need whoever wins the election. Are they hedging their bets?

Can academics do no better than the stale jargon of politicians, using "investment" as a euphemism for lavish current expenditure? Could the director of the LSE at least not have considered that the early 19th-century expedient of "the active creation of onnormities for the unemployed", variously known as "public works" and "make work", by siphoning off funds from the sustainable market sector. which was and will remain the main source of employment, thereby reduces sustained employment in that sector? Surely the wealth of cautionary tales in the LSE library should discourage such aphasia. And what, pray, is actually meant by "construcis this the best our academics can

Yours. ALFRED SHERMAN, 14 Malvern Court. Onslow Square, SW7.

Politics and farmers

From Mr Oliver Walston

Sir, Mr E. D. Leigh-Pemberson (letter, April 20) objects to Sir Simon Gourlay's endorsement (April 24) of the Labour Party on the ground that the NFU has always been apolitical. Yet the other letter you publish with Mr Leigh-Pemberton's is from Lord Plumb, who became a Conservative MEP four months after retiring from the presidency of the NFU.

It is sad but unsurprising that many farmers appear to have no objection to past presidents being political so long as they are Conservative. As a working farmer, I will vote

Labour with alacrity and enthusiasm. Yours faithfully.

OLIVER WALSTON. Thriplow Farm. Thriplow, Royston, Hertfordshire. April 26.

Tax for education

From Mr David Hunt

Sir. Why the furore about the Liberal Democrats spending a penny on education? Successive governments have been spending a penny on education for years.

Yours. DAVID HUNT. Chy-an-dour Cottage, Gulval, Penzance. Corriwall.

From Mr A. W. Tait

Sir, Simon Jenkins [article, April 19; letters, April 26 advances three basic arguments: rural England is being "concreted over"; we should largely ignore Department of the Environment projections that we need to house some four million additional households between 1991 and 2016; even if we do not, we should build all, or nearly all, the extra houses in towns and cities.

Unfortunately, the problem is far more complex than he allows. The DoE projections are not fantasy: more people live longer, the young do leave home earlier and the places where people most want to live are precisely those where he least wants them to live. Should the millions who have bought newly built houses in the country be able to deny others, including their own children and grandchildren, the same opportunity?

The good news is that we are doing quite well. The green belt has been growing, not declining. Many more houses are being built on recycled land. About 87.5 per cent of England and Wales will still be countryside by the year 2000: even in the South East the proportion will be 83 per cent.

The debate is not about whether, in the next 20 or 30 years, the proportion will fall below 80 per cent — it will not

PC subsidy

Director General of the

From the President and the

Sir, Several European countries, in order to maintain their competitiveness in the world economy, are considering the introduction of fiscal incentives for individuals or organisations to use personal computers and computer education.

Federation of the Electronics Industry

The Swedish Department of Finance, for instance, has proposed that computer equipment supplied by companies to their employees for home education and electronic commerce should be free from tax under certain conditions; the French Government has recommended a VAT reduction of 5 to 7 per cent on home PC purchases; and the Irish Government is considering the introduction of tax allowances for the purchase of PCs for home use and for payment of fees for PC training.

May we suggest that our political parties consider fiscal incentives as part of their programmes to ensure that in the future the UK keeps up with the best in the world. Yours faithfully.

K. CHAPPLE. President. ANTHONY PARISH, Director General, Federation of the Electronics Industry. Russell Square House 10-12 Russell Square, WCI. April IS.

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- but whether it will be 81 or 82 per cent. The difference is important but it

should be kept in perspective. Most of England will remain rural, even though the Town and Country Planning Association considers that it is unlikely to be possible to put even half of all new houses in towns and cities. Seven major cities have told the association that they are likely to run out of land between 2006 and 2011.

A useful step might be to set up an independent "Housing Land Review Body", which would periodically encumber opinion with facts and with independent commentary on the competing claims of the pressure groups. This might help promote a higher standard of debate in local councils; it would also make it easier for govern-ment to overturn decisions where a council has been too influenced by the desire to pass the buck.

Meanwhile, though many planning authorities do a good job, increasing housing demand is leading to further planning delays and an escalation of land price. The new government will have to deal with a kettle coming to

Yours faithfully. ANDREW TAIT (Chairman, New Homes Environmental Group, 1988-90). Orchard Croft, Grimms Hill. Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire. April 23.

Changing archaeology From Professor Geoffrey Wainwright. Chief Archaeologist of

English Heritage Sir, I must disagree with Mr Tim Tatton-Brown when he says (letter, April 23) archaeology is stuck "in the doldrums. Changes in organisation and funding over the past decade are perceived, not surprisingly, as having led to a restriction of research. Mr Tatton-Brown and other critics usual-

Archaeology, previously sponsored by monopoly public funded bodies, is now split between developers who purchase archaeological services, contractors who compete to provide them and local authorities who set the requirements and then monitor and regulate standards.

ly equate research with archaeological

The dramatic rise in excavations funded by developers is sometimes perceived as having poor research value. Such criticism betrays a misunderstanding of the policies and the opportunities.

Sites that would once have been destroyed through complete excavation are now being protected. Research results were often never published, but the new policies ensure that sites are there so that future research needs can be properly ad-

Archaeological activity in England has increased from 1,000 excavations in 1984 to 2,500 in 1994. This level of activity has a rich research potential. the realisation of which is an exciting challenge facing the profession.

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Yours faithfully. GEOFFREY WAINWRIGHT. Chief Archaeologist. English Heritage 25 Savile Row, WI. April 24.

Science and art in building design

From Mr John Pittuck

Sir. Whenever, it seems, the Prince of Wales and building design are mentioned in the same breath we can anticipate an accompanying polarisation of attitudes and opinions.

Mr Alan Beckett, FRICS, writing about the Prince's conference centre at Highgrove (letter, April 22), says that the two most important questions to ask about any construction are: "Does the new design satisfy all the client's requirements, and does the building

If I were an architect I would also vant and need to ask: "Is it aesthetically appealing, does it look good?" In other words, does it communicate other than its function and fitness of purpose? We must not assume that Mr Beckett's questions automatically take account of this key criterion in distinguishing building from architec-

Whether or not the chartered building surveyor has been considered the poor relation to the architect, as Mr Beckett suggests, matters less than that everyone involved in the process of building design should demonstrate proper regard and respect for the balance between the science and the art employed. We need to encourage professional co-operation and shared ideals rather than argue the merits of who does what.

Yours sincerely. JOHN PITTUCK. Hillside Cottage. 62 Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire. April 22.

From Mr H. B. McIlveen, FRIBA

Sir, There is a fundamental difference between architects and building surveyors. During a long and rigorous course of study, architects are trained to design buildings, building surveyors are not.

Yours faithfully, HUGH McILVEEN, Bowback, Honington, Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire.

From Mr Dennis Berry, FRIBA

Sir, Some 15 years ago, while dean of a faculty which contained schools of both architecture and surveying, I gave much thought to trying to bring these two professional courses closer together: that is, for the architects to gain a greater insight into the economics of building and for the surveyors to achieve some notion of design.

But, even with much goodwill on both sides, the efforts always failed, largely due to the disparity in time between the two courses: seven years for the architects and four years for the surveyors. The surveyors simply did not have enough time for the inclusion of any design theory, no matter how basic.

It is true that the average building designed by a surveyor, while rarely beautiful, is never actually lethal, as would be the results of a surgeon, say. who was denied any experience of an operating theatre during his training. This fact hardly justifies the abandonment of the architect's seven years of education and his protected status.

Yours faithfully. **DENNIS BERRY** (Dean, Faculty of Professional Studies, Kingston Polytechnic, 11 Fairacre, Acacia Grove. New Malden, Surrey. April 22.

From Mr Derek Woolland, RIBA

Sir, I would not suggest for one moment that all buildings designed by registered architects are necessar-ily good, nor am I suggesting that those designed by non-qualified designers are necessarily poor. However, the removal of legal protection from the title "architect", as Mr Beckett suggests, would severely limit the means by which potential clients would be able to evaluate the competence of designers.

Mr Beckett rightly stresses the importance of the architect's responsibility to his client, but fails to mention the public for whom the built environment forms the enduring "backdrop" to society. It is not solely the Prince of Wales who will be the judge of the success or otherwise of the Orchard Room at Highgrove.

Yours faithfully. DEREK WOOLLAND, 78 Ravensbury Road, SW18. April 22.

Muses maligned?

From Mr John Clark

Sir, "Despised", "vulgar", "monstrosities" ... seldom have I read such wounding remarks about work by a contemporary artist as your Diary's description (April 26) of the statues of the nine muses at the Barbican Centre.

If aesthetics are the main consideration I would say preserve the muses and throw away the Barbican: perhaps functional, but surely one of the worst examples of British architecture

Yours faithfully, JOHN CLARK. Old Barrack Farm, Ebony, Tenterden, Kent. April 28.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 28: The Princess Royal today visited Lancashire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (the Lord Shuttle-

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning visited Grenfell Limited, Grenfell House,

Rylands Street, Burnley.

The Princess Royal later visited Chorley and South Ribble District General Hospital, Preston Road,

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will attend a reception at St James's Palace for the Prayer Book Society's 25th Anniversary at 5.00; and as President, The Prince's Trust, will attend Jesus Christ Superstar at the Lyceum Theatre, London WCI

The Princess Royal, as President, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, will attend the 50th Anniversary Awards, at the Albert Hall, at 6.50.

Toby Falk

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Toby Falk will be heid at St George's, Hanover Square, London Wi, on Tuesday, May 6, at noon.

Luncheon

Fruiterers' Company Mr Derek Tullett, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, accompanied by the Wardens and Liverymen and their ladies, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at Athelhampton House, Dorset, Sir Edward du Carm also spoke. trees in memory of Lady du Cann.

School news

Head, Lancaster,

ST JAMES'S PALACE

Sibton Park Preparatory School Sibton Park Preparatory School started its final term on Sunday, April 20. Old Girls wishing to attend Open Day on June 21 and Dance the previous evening are asked to telephone for details. Sports Day is on Saturday, July 5.

Lancaster Farms, Male Young

Offender Institution and Remand

Centre, Far Moor Lane, Stone Row

April 28: The Prince of Wales.

Colonel-in-Chief. The Royal Gur-

kha Rifles, this afternoon attended

a parade to bring The Queen's

Truncheon into Service with the

Regiment at the Royal Military

Academy Sandhurst, Camberley.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Mr Simon Braunhola, Director of MORI local government research unit. was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's, Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell

Dinners

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady May-oress of Westminster were the hosts at a dinner held last night at Westminster City Hall. The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor of Geneva

Freight Transport Association Chairman of Tesco, was the prin-cipal guest at the annual dinner of the Freight Transport Association held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr Graham D.N. Miller, president, was in the chair.

Birthdays today

Mr Andre Agassi, tennis player. Zi: Mr Frank Auerbach, painter, 66; Mr Jonah Barrington, squash player, 56; Mr Dean Bell, rugby league player, 35; Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, 55; Mr Tom Clarke, Editor, Sporting Life, 58; Mr Daniel Day-Lewis, actor, 40; Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fyide, 54; Mrs Ruth Deech, Prinpal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 54; General Sir Peter de la Billière, 63; Mr Lonnie Donegan, skiffle musician and singer, 66; Mr D.S. Elliott, former director, Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, 48; His Honour Israel Finestein, QC, former president. Board of Denuties Fritchie, former chairman, South thority, 55; Sir Patrick Hamili, former Chief Constable, Strathclyde, 67; Sir Kenneth James, sor Heinz Wolff, bloengineer, 69.

diplomat, 71; Miss Zbi Jeanmaire, dancer, 73; Professor David Johns, Vice-Chancellor, Bradford University, 66; Sir Anthony Laughton, oceanographer, 70; Miss Elizabeth Lawson, QC, 50; Mr Rod McKuen, poet and composer, 64; Mr Zubin Mehia, conductor, 61; Mr Johany Miller, golfer, 50; Mr A.W. Nicol former chairman, South Western Electricity, 64; Sir Fraser Noble. Principal Emeritus, Aberdeen University, 79: Sir Ronald Norman, chairman, Teesside Dev elopment Corporation, 60; General Sir Patrick Palmer, Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle, 64; Miss Michelle Pfeiffer. actress. 40: Professor B.D. Ripley, statistician, 45; Lord Rothschild, 61; Mr Jeremy Thorpe, former leader. Liberal Party, 68; Mr David Tindle, painter, 65; Profes-

The night sky in May

By MICHAEL J HENDRIB ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY is a morning star throughout the month but will be too near the Sun for observation. It reaches greatest western elongation (25 degrees) on the 22nd.

Butler Trust, this afternoon visited star into 1998 but for much of the time will be rather near the Sun. By May 31 it will be setting an hour and a half after the Sun and the -3.9 magnitude planet may be seen very low in the northwestern sky after sunset. Its visibility will not improve much until October, becoming a conspicuous evening star over Christmas and the New Year.

Mars is now receding from the Earth passing from Leo into Virgo and fading to 0.0 magnitude by the 31st, when it will set by Oih. Moon nearby on the 16th.

Jupiter is in Capricornus and -2.5 magnitude rising by midnight on the 31st. Moon to the north on the 27th-28th. Saturn is in Pisces and now

north of the equator, rising by 02h at end May. At 0.8 magnitude it is still fainter than several of the first magnitude stars, but readily noticeable by its steady untwinkling aspect and creamy hue. Moon to the north on the 4th.

Uranus is in Capricornus and stationary on the 13th. It rises just before midnight but at 5.7 magnitude requires optical aid and an atlas showing fainter stars for identification.

Neptune is stationary on the ist and then moves from Capricornus back into Sagittarius during the month. It rises by 23h on the 31st and at 8 magnitude is rather more difficult to find than Uranus. Moon to the north on the 26th-The Moon: New Moon 6d

2ih, first quarter |4d | ih, full Moon 22d 09h, last quarter 29d 08h. The thin crescent Moon will be near Aldebaran on the evening of the 8th, as will Venus.

Sunset on the 1st is at 19h 25m and on the 31st at 20h 10m while sunrise is at 04h 30m and 03h 50m on the same

Fletchers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Fletchers' Company

for the ensuing year: Master, Major-General A.P.W. MacLellan;

Upper Warden, Mr R.H. Upton;

The Rev Martin J. Barchelor,

and Curate Brecon w Battle w

Llanddew to be Curate of Sketty.

The Rev Annette Francis, Curate of

Belmont (diocese of London) to be

Curate of Cockett, Swansea.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (Il pm) at the beginning, 22h (I0 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

dates. Astronomical twilight lasts all night from May 20 to July 22 at the latitude of London and from early May to early August in Glasgow. Nautical twilight ends at 20h 50m and 22h 00m on the 1st and 31st and begins again at 03h 05m and 01h 55m. The brighter stars and planets can be seen between the end of and beginning of nautical twilight. and it is a better guide than astronomical twilight during the summer when it is not really dark all night, even in southern England.

Comet Hale-Bopp must be the most widely observed comet of recent times. At last we have had a comet that lived up to predictions, and was easily visible to the naked eye in twilight, moonlight and from light-polluted areas for more than two months. However for us the show is nearing its end with the comet moving steadisouthwards. It will be visible here during the early part of May in the northwest at dusk but by the time it is

really dark it will be near to setting, so we will not see the comet as bright or the tail as long as it was in March and April, when it was at a good altitude in a dark sky.

The comet is now fading a little having reached a maximum brightness of about -0.1 magnitude. By April 20 it was no brighter than 0 magnitude. The tail was much less spectacular, though this was partly due to bright moonlight. Tail lengths depend very much on the darkness of the sky and even at my not very dark site have reached 10 degrees: others may well report double that length.

My prediction that Hale-Bopp was unlikely to flare up in brightness after perihelion on April I seems to have been correct, but the plasma tail (of ionised gases) has shown much greater activity since my last report written towards the end of March. A run of clear nights in eastern England over Easter and into April enabled me to take photo-

graphs showing great changes in the tail structure from night to night. The plasma tail shows up strongly on bluesensitive film and on some colour films, though it does not appear as bright to most eyes which are more sensitive to the green, yellow and red. The dust tail, being composed of very small solid particles. reflects sunlight of all colours and shows up more strongly to the eve.

In the telescope the inner part of the head has shown a series of concentric arcs or hoods, like the skins of an onion (drawn by some observers of the great comets of the last century). These features change from night to night and arise from gas and dust expelled from the nucleus. which provisional reports put at about 40 km across, as it rotates about once every 12 hours. These features could be seen in quite small telescopes and in bright twilight. The main or dust tail has been sharply curved, being concave at first towards the horizon and later to the right as the comet appeared in the evening sky. The less distinct plasma tail was to the left of the dust tail and pointed away from the horizon (and from the Sun Comet Hale-Bopp is now

below that horizon). moving away from the Sun and Earth and during May its distance from the Earth will increase from 265 to 340 million km, and its distance from the Sun from 160 to 205 million km. The comet is expected to fade from about +0.5 at end April to +2.0 by end May and the tail will become shorter and fainter. The tail is also becoming more foreshortened as our viewpoint on Earth changes, and this will make it appear shorter too.

When the comet becomes generally visible in the southern hemisphere during May it is not expected to be the brilliant spectacle that it has been in the north, but it may still be the most visible comet for many years and southern observers will be able to follow it as it recedes and fades from view, not to return for another 3,000 years.

University news

The university is to confer the following honorary degrees at ceremonies to be held on June 26 and 27 in Gannochy National Termis Cerupe

Pat Greenhill, contribution to the local community and the

Memorial service

Mr Peter Langdon-Davies The Lord Chancellor was represented by Miss Liz Hutchinson at a memorial service for Mr Peter Langdon-Davies, former Chief Commons Commissioner, held vesterday at the Temple Church. Canon Joseph Robinson, Master of the Temple, officiated, Mr Derek Bond read the lesson.

Mr Harvey McGregor. QC. read from The Journey of a Soul by Pope John XXIII and Mr Oliver Knox, read from A Walk in the Mountains. Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, gave an address.

Among others present were:

Mrs Langdon-Davies (widow), Mr and
Mrs Thomas Langdon-Davies (son and
daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Anthony
Rybacki (son-in-law and daughter-in-law), Jane
and Michael Langdon-Davies
Mr Robin Langdon-Davies (brother-in-law
and sistem), and many friends and
colleagues.

Lectures

The Royal Academy of Engineering/Royal Society Joint Lecture

Joint Lecture
Sir David Davies, CBE, FEng, FRS,
President of The Royal Academy of
Engineering, presided at the Joint
Lecture held last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace, London. The guest lecturer was Professor Alec Broers. FEng. FRS; Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, who spoke on 'Innovation, Invention and Insight - Can we classify technological innovation?'. Institute of Biology Professor Richard Dawkins deliv-

ered the Fourth Huxley Lecture "Is evolution progressive" to members of the Institute of Biology on Thursday, April 24, at The Royal Society, London. Professor Brian Heap CBE, FRS, President, pre-sided at the Institute's 48th AGM

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. Stephenson and Miss D. Stewart-Clark The engagement is announced between Nick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Stephenson, of Shrewsbury. Shropshire, and Daphne, eldest daughter of Sir Jack and Lady Stewart-Clark, of

Cowden, Kent. Mr J.R. Bryer and Miss H.R. Cox The engagement is announced

between James, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Bryer, of Topsham, Devon, and Hermione, daughter of Mr Simon Cox. of Tomatin. Inverness-shire, and Mrs Ruth Marshall, of Ardleigh, Essex. Mr B. Goffinet

and Miss S. Patrick The engagement is announced between Brendan, son of M and Mme Jean-Claude Goffinet, of Torgny, Belgium, and Samantha, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Ollis, of Moreton Morrell, Warwick.

Mr S.M. Orange and Miss D.R. Heagerty The engagement is announced between Stephen, only son of Mr John Orange, of Fornham All Saints, Suffolk, and Mrs Trissa Orange, of Wandsworth, London, and Dawn, only daughter of the Revd and Mrs Alistair Heagerty, of Kingswood, Bristol.

Marriage

Mc LM. Shulman and Miss S.A. Irvine The marriage took place on Sat-urday, April 26, at Crown Court Church of Scotland, London, of Mr Jason Michael Shulman, son of Mr and Mrs Milton Shulman, of London SWI, and Miss Susan Aurora Irvine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Irvine, of Lanark,

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Catherine Durnford, Assistant Curate, Selby Abbey: to be Vicar, New Marske and Priestin-charge, Wilton (York).

The Rev Vivian Enever, Curate, St Jude, Stockbridge Village (Liver-pool): to be Team Vicar designate, Halesowen Team Ministry, w responsibility for Romsley

The Rev Kevin Garrett, Priest-in-charge, St Michael and All Angels, Loughton (Chelmsford): to be Vicar, Dover St Martin (Canter-The Rev Mike Gilbert, Assistant

Curate, Chapeltown, Sheffield: to be Vicar, Brightside w Wincobank The Rev Michael Goster, Vicar, St Augustine's, Endeliffe, Sheffield: to

be also Vocations Officer (Recruitment) (Sheffield). The Rev Stuart Goddard, Curate,

Watling Valley (Oxford): to be Associate Minister, Bowthorpe (Norwich). The Rev Dennis Handley, Vicar,

Christ Church, Liversedge, and Priest-in-charge. St Barnabas, Hightown: to be Vlcar, Ripponden w Rishworth and Barkisland w West Scammonden (Wakefield) The Rev David Harrex. Vicar, Pilning w Compton Greenfield: to be also Rural Dean of Westbury

and Severnside (Bristol). The Rev Stephen Holmes, Priestin-charge, Mablethorpe and Trusthorpe (Lincoln): to be Vicar, Hadleigh, Sr Barnabas (Chelms-

The Rev Harry Hopkins, Vicar, Middleshrough, St Thomas: to be Vicar, North Thomashy (York). The Rev Phillip Jefferies, Vicar, Horninglow: to be also Rural Dean of Tutbury (Lichfield). The Rev Trevor Jones, Vicar, St Saviour, Saltley and Shaw Hill, St. Mary and St John (Birmingham): to be Vicar, St. Peter, London

Docks w St John. Wapping (London). The Rev Stuart Lees, Assistant Priest, Holy Trinity w St Paul, Onslow Squarer to be Priest-in-charge, Christ Church, Fulham

The Rev Jack Lusted, Curate, Southwick: to be Rector, Lurgashall, Lodsworth and Selhant (Chichester).

The Rev Colin Midlane, Team Vicar, Haywards Heath St Wilfrid: to be Assistant Curate, Brighton Kemp Town St George (Chi-

The Rev John Musson, Carate, Christ Church, North Finchley (London): to be Priest-in-charge, Lynchmere and Cameisdale (Chiche wit)

The Rev David Peebles, Chaplain of Queen Mary and Westfield Callege, University of London: to be also Priest-in-charge, St Matthew, Bethnal Green (London).

BMDS: 0171 680 6880 PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000

BOGECONNE - Greville John
Brookes AFC AAC on 23rd
April. Beloved husband to
Rose, leving father of
Philippa, Kim and Donna,
ander be her to Entert and
grandfather of Christopher.
Service at 5t John the
Baptist E.C. Church,
Alexandra Road, Andover, on
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Eaptist E.C. Church, Alexandra Road, Audover, on Tuesday 6th May at 2 pm. Flowers or donations for Friends of St Thomas' Hospital may be sent clo Halerton & Sons Funeral

APPL after a long illness barne with great dignity, Kay, of Rhivebina Cardiff adored wife of the late Arthur Hopkin Events, Safty missed by all her family and friends. Resting at James Summers & Son, Reath Court, Barnes & Son, Cardiff until the service at Thornhill Crematorium on Thursday May lat at 4.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Ecath Court if desired, or donations under to British Heart Foundation, 14 Fithhardinge Street, London Will 4DEL

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GALL - Colin Altred on April 23rd as the result of a tragic sociatus. Beloved insthund of Francine, father of Amanda, Patrick and Simon,

Amanda, Patrick and Simon, grandfather of Amy and Panessa Service on May 2nd at 145 pm at Thiey Church, followed by private cremation. Enquiries B. Sweet & Sons (01684) 293180.

LATTHAR - Eitel Friedrich Leopoid on Wednesday April 16th 1997 at home in

Bristol Much loved husband of Audrey, father of Christopher, jonathan and

the late Richolas, genefither of Robert and William. Funeral Service took place in Bristol on Saturday April 19th. Donations if desired to St. Peter's Hospice, 20 St. Agree Road, Lnowle, Bristol BS4 2DU.

PERSONAL COLUMN

Anniversaries

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And it is in God's power to provide you with all good gifts in abundance, so that, with every need always met to the full, you may have something to spare for every good cause. 2 Corinchians 9:

BIRTHS

BATCHELON - On 24th April 1997, to Geraldine (née Flatley) and Alex, a daughter, Phoebe Cutherine, a sister for Emily.

BAWANY - On April 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Amina (née Tabba) and Ariz, a daughter, Ique, our first chald.

Chappatte - On April 26th 1997, to Sarah (née Lang) and Philippe, a daughter, Hannah, a sister in: Ean and Jessica.

COOKE - On 25th April 1997, to Libby (née Reid) and Couring, a son, Timpthy Gordon, & son, Timothy Zenwick Reid, a mother for

to Rebecca (née Davies-Jones) and Clive, a son, Stward Dominic James, a brother for Benjamin. of HAVELLAND - On April 24th at The Portland Hospital, to Zoe and Robert, a beautiful daughter, Kathryn Prances. DIMOND - On 23th April, 1997, in Budapest to Samantha (née Cross) and Mark, a daughter, Eleanor

FIRTH - On April 26th 1997, to Fiona (née Hill) and Mark, a son, a brother for Hugo and Olivez.

Scient - On 24th April 1997, to Amanda (née Abrahams) and Kerry, a daughter, Piona Charlotte. Charlotte.

MONTON: - On April 27th in London, to Christina and Anthony, a daughter.

PATRIX: - To Ease and Rupert on April 23nd, a daughter.

Rose Victoria, a sister for Jamie and Emply.

PORTEXTE: - On April 18th at the Portand Bengina, to Kevin and Verna, a son, jackson, a gift of infinite value.

Wallingford Community Hospital, to Suzanne (note Walker) and Simon, a son, Andrew Caristian, a brother for Elizabeth.

OUSGETY - On 23rd April, to Caroline (née Losse) and Mark, a son, Andrew, s boother for James.

RYDER RECHARDSON - Born Friday 25th April 1997, to Cartherine and Jonathan, a som, Tobias James. A courin for Jack, Annie, Tess, Nick, Ben, James and Charits.

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The Fortland Hospital, to Rosemany (née Supie) and Charles, 3 daughter, Tatisma, a sister for Timothy and Tabiths.

DEATHS WAKASAYASHI - On April 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Keiko and Hirmohy a son Tabuki

WHITTIME - On 20th April 1997, to Emma (née Fallon) and John, a son, Thomas John. MARRIAGES

WE:WALL - On April 26th 1997 at 8t Mary's Parish Church, Friston, Suffolk, between Simon John Church, Friston, Suffolk, between Simon John Andrew, the younger son of the late Mr ER. Ive of Hale, Cheshies and Mrs. IC. Ive of New Milton, to Christine Fenelope, daughter of Mr and Mrs. R. Wall of Kelstedge, Destruction.

DEATHS

ASHWELL - Joan of Barnes, London, beloved mother of Anne, Susan and Peter, passed usery pencerbily in her sleep on Sunday Andi 27th after a long and commerce fight Pencel at 12.45 pm Friday May 2nd, Putney Vale Crematozium. Tuesday 22nd April 1997. Wife of the late Professor S.J.

Bailey, mother of Arnold Joan and John. Funeral Service in the West Chapel Cambridge City Cambridge Cambridge
Crematorium on Friday May
2nd at 12.30 pm. Family
flowers only. Donations if
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enquiries of Barry Williams
h Bon, tal: (01222) 2574-20.

27th April suddenly but after a long Bluess Mixanda died. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be ampaned law-

BEED - James Harold Professor of Geography at The University of Southampton and beloved husband of Oliven, Suddenly on April 24th 1997, aged 73. Funeral Service at Southampton Cremstockium on Priday May 2nd at 3.30 pm, East Chapel Flowers to Jac. Steel & Sm, 163 Hursley Road, Classellare Ford, Parts. 8063 187.

ARCS, BSc. Peacefully on April 26th 1997 at Wardington House, Oxfordshine, aged 87 years. Formerly secretary of SILJE. Examinations (Bristol). Belowed father of Elizabeth, American Lording grandfather of Like, Lina and Lording grandfather of Like, Lina and Tody, Francia Land, and Lordington Bousse and all enquiries to Jak Humphris, 32 Albert Street, Banbury, Oxon (01295) 265424.

22nd April 1908, beloved Mother of H.H. The Aga Khan and Prizze Smyn Aga Khan, died peacefully at her home on 25th April Following her wishes the funeral service will be private for family members only, followed by a Mcmorial Service to be expected between the control of the

CROSS - Kenneth Prederick (Ken) of Stoneygate, Leicense Loving husband of Sue. Dear father of Stephen, Malcohn and the late Virian, Grandfather to Suzah, Passed peacefully away after an illness coungeously borne. Funcial Service at Kettering Crematorium, Northants (Edgar Newman Caspal) or Grematorium, Northants. (Edgar Newman Chapel) on Thursday May 1st at it 130am. Flowers and enquiries please to A.J. Adkinson & Son Faneral Directors, 12 London Boad, Oadby, Leics, LE2 SDG, tols (0116) 271 2340.

DAVES - On April 24th 1997
percefully in his 98th year
Dr. Devid John Device IP.
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Middlesez Bospital),
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grandfather and greatgrandfather. Enquiries
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94 Ribon Street, Preston, tal:

94 Ripon Street, Pres (01772) 254936. DUNFORD - Charles Roy suddenly at home on Thunday April 24th 1997. Charles Roy Dunfond, vary dearly loved husband of Monica and the late lyree, a special father to Mell and Jill and a loved grandfather of the family. Funtral wivese.

Renter Warden, Mr D.M. Dixon. bury, London, 1810; Alexander II, Tear of Russia 1855-81. St Peters-Church in Wales Diocese of Swanses and Brecon

BUKTHS:

Sir James Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak 1841-68. Benares, 1803: Thomas Trollope, writer, Bloomsburg, 1818; William Randolph Hearst, newspaper proprietor, San Francisco, 1865; Sir Thomas Beecashire. 1879; Sir Malcolm Sargent, conductor, Ashford, Kent, 1895; Duke Ellington, pianist and bandleader, Washington, 1899; Michinomiya Hirohito, Emperor 1977.

GRABT - On 28th April 1997, auddenly in hospital, W.D. Genten Gene in 146 55th year. Formarly Cadmun of William Gran and Sons Led. Beloved husband of Doris, dear father of Anne and Elizabeth and a wanneral

grandfather and great-grandfather Funeral Service Thursday 1st May, 11.30 am at Poole Grematorium,

Dorset Flowers may be sent to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Bome,

MALLIDAY - Douglas on 23rd. April, 1997. Much loved husband of Patry and father of Patrick and You. Present Service at Cherington Church on Poiday, 2nd May at 12 noon. Flowers to R. Locke & Son, Upper Realles, 01295 68224 or douglass if designed to LRLI.

1997 pescarally at home, Phillip Henry, aged 92 years, between the band of the list Geynor. Francis Carrier in the Church of Lady St Mary, Warrisman, Dermet on Towner, May 6th at 11.30 am. Pleasance thoughts for the Marie Carle Cancer Carr, may be sent to Albert Marsh (Funeral Directors) Ltd., St Michaels Road, Warcham, Dorzet, BR20 4QU. Tel-(01929) 552107.

HOPE - On 23rd April.
Peacefully in Totnes
Community Hospital, Devon.
Richard aged 75 years.
Belowed husband of ShirleyAnne and the late Pat
Hodgidns. Loving father of
David and Frances and
gandfather of Daniel and
Matthew. Funeral Service at
Torquay Cremstorium on
Wednesday 20th April at
3.30pm. Enquiries Ferring
Funatal Services (01802)
Ber417.

JAMES - Bridget Vyvina on April 18th 1977 a Laiceane BUPA Hospital, devoted sister of fill Pringle and seater of fill Pringle and seater of fill Pringle and private. No flowers by request, donations if so desired may be sent for Cancer Research (to whom all cheques should be made payable) clo Ginna & Gutteridge, Funeral Lincoln of Laicean, the (0116) 2516117.

JONES - Peacefully after a short times at Aberton Royal Infirmacy on Priday April 25th, 1997 Dr Colin Jones (B.P. Exploration Consultant) aged 61 years South Minnes, Foveran. Much loved husband of Jones and father of Minnes. Service in St Mary on the Rock, Ellon on Priday May and at 1270 pm. All friends respectfully invited.

and at 1220 pm. All friends respectfully invited. Cremation thereafter private family flowers only please. Departions if degreed at church door for Harie Curie Cancer Care.

well on 150

John Arbuthnot, physician, Arbuthnott, Kincardineshire, 1667;

of Japan 1926-89, Tokyo, 1901. DEATHS:

John Cleveland, Royalist poet London, 1658; Sir Alfred Hinchcock, film director-producer, Los Angeles, 1980. Women were granted permission to sit examinations at Oxford

A telephone link was established between Britain and Australia, 1930.

British Aerospace was founded.

KENNARD - James Spencer aged 23 on April 24th soddenly as a result of motor secident in Cape Town. Much loved son of Martin and Caroline, brother of Elizabeth and grandson of Anthony Spencer and step-grandson of Lorsa.

detined donations to the injured jockey's Pund clo Suman and Horwood, 25 High Street, Princes Risborough HP27 OAE.

Stirling

Doctor of the university Nathan Cohen, contribution to the

film industry Professor Alasdair McIntyre, contribution to marine biology William Boyd. the author contribution to literature Master of Arts:

on Friday 2nd May as 1.30pm Family flowers only Enquiries set W.S. Trenhaile Funanti Directors (01242) 224897.

College. Those who wish to attend me saked to write to:

Pishorough HP27 GAE.

LVNALL - Cn 27th April 1997,
peacefully in Goring-onthese, give a long fifther
and wonderful care at The
Grange, Geoffrey
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loved under great-uncie and
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Crematorium on Thursday
8th Hay at 2.30 pm. No
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hot 5584. MACHY Margary, sociated, at home, on 25th April 1997 in her Fide was much level Numey to the Gotslett and many other Emilles. Funeral at Fides Z Charles Square, London Wild, Flowers to John Nodes, Funeral Directors, 181 Ladhroks Gove, Wild 6HH. Tel: 0181 969 1819.

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MelBAN - John AL April 27th 1997, workenly in his sleep, beloved husband of the late 1911 and brother of Patsy, father of Jane, Shaon and Sarz, grandfather to human, Seen and Ball, Eleanor, Tim and Sophie, Felicity and Alexandra, Friday 2nd May at 5t Thomas's Patish Church, Maytine Armen, Beneral Service 11 am, Friday 2nd May at 5t Thomas's Patish Church, Maytine Armen, Beneral Service 1911 am, Friday 2nd May at 5t Thomas's Patish Church, Maytine Armen, Beneral Service 1911 and May at 5t Thomas's Patish Church, Maytine Armen, Beneral Service 1911 and 19 PATON - Dr. John Lawrence died passerfully at the age of 81 on 26th April. No flowers please. Donations to the Airselman Messes Society. Which level by all his bestly,

SAMRUEL - A Service for Eric, last of Sandhum, will be baid on Friday 2nd May in Johannesburg at 3 pm prior to a private cremation. Desambons in Hem of Chywes should be sent to the Hospica Association, PO Box 87600, Houghton 2041,

grandson of Luma.

Margaret (McNett) wife of
the late Geoffrey William
Kindersley died peacefully
at Ningara-on-the-Lake,
Outario, 25th April 1997 in
her 97th year. Survived by 4
children, 12 grandchildren
and 10 gran grandchildren,
beloved by all. BHERCLIFF - Caroline (Carolya), much level sister of Robin and friend of Janes, died on 26th April aged 56 at North Kensington after a at North Emsington after a long and difficult illness. Requiem at \$t\$ john's, Ladhroke Grove, on Tuesday 6th May at 12 noon, Family flowers/donations for Pembridge Unit, \$t Charles Hospital, to John Nodes & Sons, 181 Ladhroke Grove, London W10, tel: (0181) 969-1819. LES-USF - Harry, aged 82.
Fractuly in his chair well
25th. Service Chichester
Crematorium May 6th
2.30pm. Family flowers only.
Donations to ENLL (70
Holland & Son, 3 Jubiles
Road, Chichester (01243)
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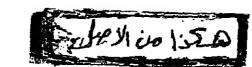
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THE REV PROFESSOR W. MOELWYN MERCHANT

The Rev Professor W. Moelwyn Merchant, Shakespearean scholar and sculptor, died in Learnington Spa on April 22 aged 83. He was born at Port Talbot on June 5, 1913.

n a life of great variety. Moelwyn Merchant applied his colourful talents and abundant energies in a number of spheres. He was an Anglican clergyman and a canon of Salisbury Cathedral; he was from 1961 to 1974 Professor of English at Exeter University: he was a prolific sculptor, a poet and had latterly published a number of novels.

As a scholar he was more prolific as an editor than as a writer, though his study. Shakespeare and the Artist, is an absorbing account of Shakespearean production down the ages, it announced an informed interest in the staging of the works of Shakespeare which was to permeate his teaching. This was underpinned by his involvement in the founding of the Northcott Theatre at Exeter, the first modern theatre to be built in the South West of England.

Merchant's contribution to English studies lay, perhaps, not so much in his writings as in his personality and the effect he had on others. To generations of English students at Exeter he is remembered for generaling an enthusiasm for the subject which permeated their lives to a greater extent than is, perhaps, general in undergraduates. He so manifestly liked young people. He took an infectious delight in any extra-curricular activity, whether it might be leading a Shakespeare seminar to Stratford-upon-Avon or inviting students round to his home to make a recording of Beat poetry (and sample his wife's delicious teas). His students reciprocated this enthusiasm by giving their own tutors no rest, dragging them into bars and pubs in their off-duty hours and compelling them to continue the literary debate until closing time and beyond.

In the young Exeter University of those days (it had previously been a university college of London). Merchant galvanised his department into a position of pre-eminence and put



English at the centre of intellectual activity. With a staff containing men like John Speirs, Patrick Cruttwell, H. A. Mason, and K. W. Salter, it was generally regarded as second, after Cambridge, in the country. It was also a broad church which provided harbourage both for fugitive Leavisites and those who were fundamentally opposed to the dogmatism of the Master.

Merchant defended his fief against the material claims of other departments with jealousy and guile. Many a rival arts faculty professor who thought he had got the better of the head of English over some administrative detail at a faculty board meeting, would find himself suddenly outmaneeuvred and confounded.

Merchant's mercurial character and his priestly calling gave his lectures something of an evangelical quality. Speaking without notes, he seldom stayed at the podium for long. preferring, rather, to range up and down the aisles of the fecture half and dant the subject of his discourse at his audience seated to left and right of

His Shakespeare lecture to the

University Summer School - which attracted both undergraduate and postgraduate students of the highest quality from all over the world - was legendary. Iron-souled theoreticians of the English schools of Göttingen and Marburg were, in spite of themselves, overwhelmed by the sheer fervour of his address. His impassioned exordium, delivered in his lilting Welsh tenor: "I believe Shakespeare's King Lear to be the greatest work of art ever to be created, in any medium, by any man," resounded in English faculties throughout the universities of

Merchant's retirement from the Exeter chair saw no diminution of his activities. Returning to Wales for a period, he was Vicar of Llanddewi

Edward the Second.

His own best-known book, Shake-speare and the Artist (1959), explored the history of stage design and the increasing involvement of major European painters in that process. It also set a trend for what became the "literature and the visual arts" arm of English studies in which Merchant was a pioneer, establishing a degree in English and the Fine Arts (as well as English and Music).

Merchant had been ordained a priest in 1940. From 1960 he spent a good deal of the time during four pleasant years as biblical adviser and co-writer, with Christopher Fry and others, on John Huston's epic film The Bible. It sharpened Merchant's appetite for travel and he had the knack of "collecting" research stu-dents from around the world for the graduate school. In 1966 he brought Ted Hughes to Exeter as poet in residence. His passion for music led to his writing the libretto of Alun Hoddinon's oratorio The Tree of Life (1972), among other works by the composer.

After his retirement from the Exeter chair, Merchant was vicar of Llanddewi Brefi from 1974 to 1978. It was characteristic of him that the duties of that remote rural cure could not entirely absorb his energies, and in 1975 this tiny Cardiganshire village found itself with an arts festival.

From Wales he retired to Learnington Spa. but this "retirement" saw no diminution of his creative impulse. He published three volumes of poetry and, in 1987, his first novel Jeshua, at the ripe old age of 74. This was followed by several more: Fire From the Heights (1989), A Bundle of Papyrus (1989) and Triple Heritage (1994). At the same time numerous one-man shows of his sculptures were held throughout Britain. An activity that gave him particular pleasure in the last years of his life was the lectures he gave at Eton College, and his being made an honorary member of the Old Etonian Association in 1990.

Moelwyn Merchant married, in 1938, Maria Eluned (Lynne) Hughes. He is survived by her and by a son and a daughter.

editions of Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice and Marlowe's Margery Manners. variety artiste and singer, died on April 27 aged 71. She was born on March

MARGERY

MANNERS

18, 1926, MARGERY MANNERS was one of Britain's most respected and best loved variety artistes. In a career that spanned more than half a century she topped bills throughout the country. played the London Palladium on several occasions, as well as being a noted singer on

Her life in showbusiness fell neatly into two parts. As a young girl she was a notable principal boy in pantonimes and often compared to her contemporaries, or indeed rivals, Dorothy Ward and Pat Kirkwood because of her shapely figure. In later years the figure became more portly and - much to Manners's delight critics would describe her as a latter-day Florrie Forde, the well-known round music hall performer. She was flattered by the comparison and once quipped: "When I was a child in the Midlands people would say they would go to see Florrie because of her 'bum'.

steps." Margery Manners was born in Coventry and made her first appearance as a child singer and dancer in 1957 at the Paramount Cinema in Birmingham in a "cine variety" show. Cine Variety was the most popular entertainment of the day where an audience could see two films, a newsreel, a variety show, personal appearances by film stars, and all of it for usually sixpence.

So I'm following in her foot-

She was contracted to appear in such shows, her speciality being that of sing-ing, playing the banjo and sometimes the ukelele. After being spotted in the provinces by Moss Empires, she made her first London appearance at the East Ham Palace in 1940 where she starred alongside "Big" Bill Campbell in a Western show where she played a cowgirl. The show was so successful that Moss Empires took it on tour for more than two years.

During the Second World War she was the youngest performer ever to appear for

and leeland and singing on battleships at Scapa Flo along-side Doris Hare. Douglas Byng and Tommy Trinder. After 15 months' service she received warm letters of congratulation for her war effort from the administrator of Ensa, Basil Dean, and also from the actor Sir Seymour

She renewed her contract with Stoll Moss after the war and appeared in no lewer than 16 pantomimes at leading theatres as a dashing principal boy alongside such comedians as Arthur Askey, Vic Oliver, Ted Ray and Jewell and Warriss.

During the 1960s she was in demand for smaller provincial variety bills as a guest star but it was in 1969 that she was virtually rediscovered by the producer Audrey Lane who gave her billing in what was to become the long running show The Golden Years of Music Hall. This was an extraordinary show made up of music hall legends who included Bob and Alf Pearson. Nat Jackley. Elsie and Doris Waters and Sandy Powell. It opened to rave reviews at the West Pier in Brighton and was a sellout at the box office and subsequently transferred to South Africa, where it played for more than five years. It was there that she met her husband Walter Gradner. who was serving as the Mayor of Cape Town, and during the run of the show she suddenly eloped with him.

After returning to England in the 1970s, ill-health forced her into semi-retirement but she was coaxed out of it by the comedian Roy Hudd to top the bill at the London Palladium in 1975 for a special show organised by the British Music Hall Society. She received a standing ovation on her entrance and sang her signature tune Bring Me The Sunshine of Your Smile. A photograph of her still hangs in the Palladium Hall of Fame.

She was an active charity worker throughout her life, most notably for the Grand Order of Lady Ratlings, of which she had been a member for many years and later for the Stars Organisation for

Her husband predeceased



Alfred Baden Fuller. barrister and Commons Commissioner, died on March 27 aged 90. He was born on January i.

NOBODY in 1965 foresaw the quantity of litigation and popular interest which the Commons Registration Act of that vear would produce. This Act made it necessary to register any land which was claimed to be a common or a village green. It created commission-

ers to adjudicate upon whether registrations should be confirmed. When Alfred Baden Fuller

was appointed in 1972 as one of the three commissioners, he was told that there was only another five years' work to be done. In fact, the number of claims so much exceeded expectation that he and his fellow commissioners were still at work 18 years later.

Disputes over common land often aroused strong emotions in the local community. A

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commissioner required not only a detailed knowledge of one of the least known areas of English law but also the ability to be fair to the numerous contending parties.

ALFRED BADEN FULLER

Baden Fuller had both the legal learning and the human qualities required. Dartmoor was his triumph. Most commons are fairly small. But when between April and September 1982 he sat to determine the commoners' rights on Dartmoor there were 1.000 registrations to consider af-

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venues from Plymouth to London

and from Aberystwyth to Glasgow. William Moelwyn Merchant was

educated at Port Talbot Grammar

and University College, Cardiff.

where he took degrees in English and

History in 1933 and 1934. He then

taught history for a year at Carmar-

then Grammar School before moving

to Newport High School to teach

English and thence to Caerleon

Training College. He joined the staff

of University College, Cardiff, in

Exeter in 1961 he had already

published his Wordsworth's Guide to

the Lakes (1952) with its illustrations

by John Piper. This was followed by

his edition of Wordsworth for the

Reynard Library in 1955. He also did

By the time he went to the chair at

winning autobiography; and he

interest and so many claim-ants involved, a large hall was needed to accommodate the hearings at Plymouth. Baden Fuller's necessarily lengthy judgment in that case was described as a legal tour de force. He was responsible for other decisions relating to moorland such as the Black Mountain in Dyfed.

Before his appointment as a Commons Commissioner, Baden Fuller was one of the small number of "senior juniors" at the Chancery Bar, a class usually unknown to the wider public, but who commanded great respect within

the legal profession. Educated at Uppingham School he went on to Balliol College. Oxford, as a mathematics scholar in 1925 and gained first-class honours in mathematics. While at university he took up mountaineering.

Alfred Aubone Baden Fuller was called to the Chancery Bar in 1930 and became the pupil of Stafford Crossman (the father of the future Labour Cabinet Minister), In (932 he joined the set of Chambers of which his father Frank Baden Fuller was then the head. His progress at the Bar was interrupted by the outbreak of war in 1939, when he joined the RAF. By the time he came back from the war in 1946 his father had died and only two other members of the prewar set remained. They had, like him, been away fighting and had to rebuild their practices.

Baden Fuller now became head of chambers himself and for the next 26 years carried on a successful and varied practice. Trusts, wills, estate duty, landlord and tenant disputes and wardship of minors all formed a part of his work but he had a particular mastery of Chancery procedure, above all in the administration of

Several times personal representatives who thought that they had an insolvent estate to administer came to him for advice and he was able achieve the feat (which would have astorished the author of Bleak House) of steering the apparently insolvent estate into solvency or even a handsome surplus. Baden Fuller's guileless exterior concealed a subtle brain. His manner in court was anything but charismatic but opponents underes-

timated him at their peril. He became a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn in 1964. There he did much work for the students (who in those days came in large numbers from the Commonwealth as well as from the UK).

For many years he was the chairman of the Joint Committee of the Inns of Court and the Council of Legal Education on Admissions. While at the Bar he was a long-serving secretary of the Chancery Bar Association.

Outside the law he remained an enthusiastic hillwalker. He kept up his mathematics by solving algebraic equations as a lunchtime relaxation. In Wimbledon, where he lived throughout his life, he was for many years the president of the Literary and Scientific Society, a trustee of the John Evelyn Society (now the Wimbledon Society) and a governor of King's College

He retired as a commissioner in 1990 and the next year suffered a severe stroke. True to his character, he remained cheerful and courteous under this burden.

In 1940 Baden Fuller married Alice Strickland. She predeceased him in 1976. He is survived by two daughters and a son.



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Genrude Maria Huni Rosencraniz and Player. Fortinbras. It is clear that to act Hamlet without cuts is

not simply an act of piety. Perhaps it is not absolutely essential, and those who have not endured so many hours in a theatre need not necessarily feel that they have never seen the play. The plot is so mysterious anyway, and yet so good, that mutilations are not quite ruinous. But a performance without cuts and at the same time so generally good as this is something to have seen. Mr. Harcourt Williams is the producer and it is, more than anything else, a very intelligent production.

ON THIS DAY

April 29, 1930

There have been, and will continue to be, many Hamlets. But fortunate are those who have seen John Gielgud in the role. In this, his first Hamlet, he had the advantage of a producer who had a fine ear for Elizabethan verse.

With no abbreviations there is ample from to explore and clarify the intricate movement of character, and this was often done. Such a very difficult scene as that of Hamlet remonstrating with his mother seemed al-most perfectly lucid. Every performance of Hamlet tends momentarily to convince one that the play is not after all a mystery, but this especially so. The mysterious, the metaphysical and the prophetic become an ordered, if

not an explicit, progression of events.

Mr. Gielgud is certainly a most reasonable Hamlet. He does not under-act, and he can storm as well as anyone, but he was chiefly

concerned to give us Hamilet without that murky and tempestuous figure that most actors portray, the Prince of Denmark. He was very much of a human heing. This, of course, may be dangerous, since an actor who interprets much may well lorget to speak poetry. In his soliloquies he may have paused too often for a speaker to whom is given such unnatural eloquence. Indeed, if an actor pauses as if to think before producing such miracles of speech, the illusion may actually be lost as one remembers that no amount of thought could actually produce such lines. But undoubtedly Mr. Gielgud paid more attention than most Hamlets to the poetry.

The absence of cuis seemed to give unusual intricacy and interest to the King and Queen, though the actors, Mr. Donald Wolfit and Miss Martita Hunt, also deserve much praise for this. Claudius emerged, rather unexpectedly, as a fine Renaissance villain, making as much of an art of Hamlet's poisoning as any Borgia. Ophclia was charmingly, if rather conventionally, acted by Miss Adele Dixon. It would seem that to most Ophelias Hamler's advice is unnecessary, since they so manifestly already belong to a numery. After all, Ophelia was desperately in love with Hamlet. But Miss Dixon did not break nut with unusual fire in the mad scene.

Middlesbrough troupers vital to fantasy winners



WITHOUT play in the pre-mier leagues in England and Scotland over the weekend, the tactically aware among Interactive Team Football players looked to the midweek matches of the past week for vital points as the season nears its climax.

Middlesbrough were most people's choice for a good source of points, with two games counting - the FA Cup semi-final replay against Chesterfield and the game against Tottenham Hotspur. Hence the appearance of Fabrizio Ravanelli and Juninho in the teams of the weekly winner, the monthly winner, and indeed the overall leader of ITF.

But the "bargain buy" of the week was a Chelsea player: Dan Petrescu, with seven points to his name. Emerson, with five points, was also worthy of selection last week - along with a number of goalkeepers, none of whom conceded any goals over the

past seven days.

The winner of the monthly prize, and £1,000, is Mr D. Ingham, of Oldham, who scored 81 points during April with his team Feb 2. The weekly winner is Mr D. whose team, Croft Corinthians, scored 36 points. He wins

Mr Windridge's team is:

Goalkeeper N Martyn (Leeds)

Full backs G Kelly (Leeds) D Petrescu (Chelsea)

Central defenders T Boyd (Celtic) S Campbell (Tottenham)

Midfield players D Batty (Newcastle) Juninho (Middlesbrough)



Petrescu's goal against Wimbledon propelled the Chelsea wing back to seven points in ITF this week

which allows you to change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division. You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone

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does not contain more than

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or one player and a manager) from the same club. If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

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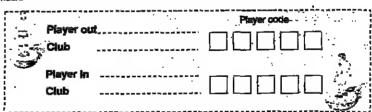
You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goaliteeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club, incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday, Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective forms matches played after noon on the following day

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then causes to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must

Calls will be charged at 50p per minute. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximate



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THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

Interactive Team Football this week

There are no transfers or loans in

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D Holdsworth (Wimbledon)

F Ravanelli (Middlesbrough)

You can still use the ITF

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the regular transfer system

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A Thom (Celtic)

R Gullit (Chelsea)

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The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

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10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0 -12
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	0 -14
10201 10202	D Seeman V Bartram	Arsenal	5.00	-1+38
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal Arsenal	0.75	0 0
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	0.75 3.50	0 +1 +5+29
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	0+19
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	-1 -2
10402	S Given G Marshali	Blackbum Rovers	2.00	0 +4
10501	S Kerr	Celtic Celtic	3.50	01
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10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	0 -27
10603	F Grodas	Cheisea	3.00	0 -11
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	1.50	-2 -38
10702 10801	J Filan M Taylor	Coventry City Derby County	0.50	0 0
10802	R Hoult	Derby County	1.00	+5 -2 0 -41
10804	M Poom	Derby County	1.00	0 -2
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	0 +4
10902	L Key S Dvkstra	Dundee United Dundee United	0.50	0 -10
11001	Westwater	Duntermline	2.50 0.50	-1 -1 0 -55
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	0 -28
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0 +1
11301	G Rousset J Leighton	Hearts Hibernian	2.00	0 -5
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmamock	1.50	0 -24
11501	M Beeney	Leeds United	1.50	. 0 +5
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0 0
11503 11601	N Martyn K Poole	Leeds United Leicester City	2.50	+5+36
11603	K Keller	Leicester City	1.00	0 -19
11701	D James	Liverpool	5.00	0+15
11702	A Warner J Nielsen	Liverpool	0.50	0 0
11703 11801	P Schmeichel	Liverpool Manchester United	1.00 5.00	0 0
11802	R van der Gouw		1.00	0 +6
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	0 -20
11903	B Roberts	Middlesbrough	1.50	+4 -1
11904	M Schwarzer S Howie	Middlesbrough Motherwell	2.00 1.50	0 -3
12101	S Hislop	Newcastle United	4.00	0 -22 0 -18
12102	P Smicek	Newcastle United	3.00	0 0
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0 49
12202 12301	A Fettis S Thomson	Nottingham Forest	0.75	+5 +2
12401	A Goram	Raith Rovers Rangers	0.50 5.00	0 -74 0+29
12402	A Dibble	Rangers	3,50	0+10
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	-7 -6
12502	M Clarke	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	D D
12601 12602	D Beasant N Moss	Southampton Southampton	1.00 0.25	0 -28 0 +2
12604	M Taylor	Southampton	1.00	+5 +3
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	-1 -42
11803	A Coton	Sunderland	1.00	0 +9
12801	l Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	+5 -8
12802 12901	E Baardsen L Miklosko	Tottenham Hotspur West Ham United	0.50 2.00	0 0
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	-1 -1
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	0 -4

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42801	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	5.50	0+18
42802	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	0+26
42803	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+2+38
42804	J Dozzeli	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+1+15
42805	A Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	+4+45
42806	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0+10
42809	A Nielsan	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	+2+44
42902	Bishop	West Ham United	2.00	0+33
42903	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	+1+39
42904	D Williamson	West Ham United	1.50	0+17
42905	J Moneur	West Ham United	1.50	+4+25
42907	5 Lazaridis	West Ham United	0.25	0+15
42908	S Lomas	West Ham United	2.00	+2 +6
43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.00	0+66
43002	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	0+48
43003	M Gayle	Wimbledon	2.00	0+66
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0404	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0 +6
0501 0502	T Boyd M MacKay	Celtic Celtic	3.00 1.50	0+33 0+37
0503 0504	A Stubbs B O'Neil	Cettic Cettic	3.50	-1+22 +3 +4
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0601 0602	M Duberry F Leboeut	Chelsea Chelsea	2.50 2.50	0 +1
0603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	+4 -2
0604 0605	D Lee A Myers	Chelsea Chelsea	2.00 1.50	0 +3 +4 +5
2606	E Johnsen	Chelsea	1.50	0+13
0701 0702	L Daish R Shaw	Coventry City Coventry City	2.00 1.50	0 +5 0 +3
704	G Breen	Coventry City	1.50	0 -1 0 +1
)801	A Evtushok I Stimac	Coventry City Derby County	2.50	0 -10
303	D Wassall P McGrath	Derby County	1.00 2.50	0 0
1303	J Laursen	Derby County Derby County	1.00	+4+12
1804 1901	M Carbon S Presslev	Derby County Dundee United	0.50	0 -5 0+50
001	M Millar	Dunfermline	0.75	0 -6
101	i Den Bleman D Unsworth	Dunfermline Everton	0.75 2.50	0 -18
102	D Watson	Everton	2.50	0+14
103 201	C Short D McPherson	Everton . Hearts	2.00	0 +6 0+30
202	P Ritchie	Hearts	1.00	0 + 34
301 902	J McLaughlin B Welsh	Hibernian Hibernian	0.50 0.75	0 +7 0 +9
302	G Hunter	Hibemian	0.50	0 -3
302 401	S Dennis M Reilly	Hibernian Kilmarnock	1.00	0 -19 +4+15
402	R Montgomerie	Kilmamock	0.75	+3+14
501 502	D Wetherall R Jobson	Leeds United Leeds United	2.50 1.00	0.+2
503 504	L Radebe J Pemberton	Leeds United Leeds United	1.00 0.50	+4+26 0 0
505	R Molenaar	Leeds United	2.00	0+23
601 602	S Walsh J Watts	Leicester City Leicester City	1.00	-1+11 0 +8
603	P Kaamark	Leicester City	0.50	0 +5
604 605	S Prior M Elliott	Leicester City Leicester City	1.00	0 +1
701	P Babb	Liverpool	3.50	0 + 24
703 704	M Wright N Ruddock	Liverpool Liverpool	3.50	0+30 0+14
705 706	D Matteo B T Kvarme	Liverpool	1.00 2.00	0+26
801	G Pallister	Liverpool Manchester United	3.50	0 + 15
802 803	D May R Johnsen	Manchester United Manchester United	3.00 2.50	0+34 0+21
901	N Pearson	Middlesbrough	1.50	+4 +7
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904	P Whelan	Middlesbrough	0.75	0 4
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002	M van der Gaag		0.75	0+18 0+18
101 102	P Albert S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0 +7
103	D Peacock C Cooper	Newcastle United Nottingham Forest	3.00	0+17 0 +5
202	S Chettle	Nottingham Forest	2.50	+4+14
203 303	S Blatherwick D Craig	Nottingham Forest Raith Rovers	1.00 0.50	0 -5 0 -12
304	G Mitchell	Raith Rovers	0.50	0 -10
401 402	R Gough A McLaren	Rangers Rangers	3.50 3.00	0+57 0+23
403	J Bjorklund	Rangers	3.50	0+39 0+18
404 501	G Petric J Newsome	Rangers Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0+15
502 503	D Walker B Linighan	Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday	1.50 0.25	-3+29 0 0
601	K Monkou	Southampton	1.50	0 -18
602 603	A Neilson R Oryden	Southampton Southampton	1.00 0.50	+4 +7
604	C Lundekvam U van Gobbel	Southampton Southampton	0.50	0 -1
605 701	A Melville	Sunderland	1.00	0+12
702 703	K Ball R Ord	Sunderland Sunderland	1.00	0+10 0+14
801	S Campbell	Tottenham Hoispur	2.50	+4+24
702 802	J Scales C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur Tottenham Hotspur	3.50 2.50	0 +9 +4+18
803	G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0 0
806 807	S Nethercott R Vega	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	+4 +6
901 902	S Bilic M Rieper	West Ham United West Ham United	2.50 2.50	0+10 +3+11
903	S Potts	West Ham United	2.00	+4 +3
904 905	R Hall R Ferdinand	West Ham United West Ham United	1.50 0.50	+3 +4 +7
001	A Reeves	Wimbledon	1.00	0 -2
003 004	A Pearce D Blackwell	Wimbledon Wimbledon	0,50	0+16
005	B McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50	0+12
300	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	1120	0 0

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N	Code	Name	Team	£m	Wk Ov
2 3	40502 40503	A Thom S Donnelly	Celtic Celtic	2.50 2.50	+1+31 +1+35
3 6	40504 40505	P Grant P Di Canio	Celtic Celtic	1,50	0+26
3	40506 40507	D Hannah P O'Donnell	Celtic Celtic	1.50 2.50	+1+15
2 4	40601 40602	R Guilit D Wise	Chelsea Chelsea	3.50	0 +9 0+40
4	40604	C Burley	Chelsea	2.00	+2+39
	40605 40607	E Newton D Rocastle	Chelsea Chelsea	0.50	0 0
3 2 3 5 3	40608 40609	R Di Matteo J Morris	Chelsea Chelsea	3.00 2.00	0+56
3	40610 40701	P Hughes J Salako	Chelsea Coventry City	2.50 2.50	+2 +8 0+32
5 3	41501 40702	G McAllister E Jess	Coventry City Coventry City	5.50 2.00	+1+58 0+32
1	40703 40704	K Richardson P Telfer	Coventry City Coventry City	1.50 1.50	0+35
0	40705	P Willlams M Isalas	Coventry City Coventry City	1.50	+1+33
	40707	W Boland M O'Nelli	Coventry City Coventry City	0.25 1.50	0 0
4 2 5	40801	A Asanovic	Derby County	2.00	+2+52
8	40803	P Simpson R van der Laan		1.50	+2+30
8 2 4 6 6 7 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	40804 40805	D Powell S Flynn	Derby County Derby County	1.00 0.75	0+26 0+12
4 6	40807 40809	G Rowett C Dalify	Derby County Derby County	0,50 1.50	+2+38 +2+38
0	40901 40902	G McSwegen R Winters	Dundee United Dundee United	2.00	0+28
Ž	40903 42003	G Johnson J Dolan	Dundee United Dundee United	1,00	0 0
3	42303 40904	J McInally D Bowman	Dundse United Dundse United	0.75	0+19
5	40905	A Benneker	Dundee United	0.50	0 +2
3	41001 41002	H French C Robertson	Dunfermline Dunfermline	1.00	0+35
2	41003 41004	A Smith D Fleming	Dunfermline Dunfermline	0.75	0+48
3	41102	G Speed J Parkinson	Everton Everton	4.00 1.50	0+65 0+31
3	41106 41108	A Grant C Thomsen	Everton Everton	2.00	0+11 0+13
1	41202	A McManus S Fulton	Hearts Hearts	1.50	0 +7
5 4	41302	P McGinley G Love	Hibernian Hibernian	1.50 0.75	0+41
	41305 41401	I Cameron A Mitchell	Hibernian Kilmarnock	0.75	0+10 0+25
5	41402	J McIntyre	Kilmamock	1.00	+4+43 D 0
5	41403	M Skilling J Lauchian	Kilmamock Kilmamock	0.50	0+11
# 1	41502 41503	L Bowyer A Gray	Leeds United Leeds United	3.00 2.50	+1+56 0 +1
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1	41507 41508	M Ford A Couzens	Leeds United Leeds United	0.50	0+19 0 +8
3	41510	M Jackson N Lennon	Leeds United Leicester City	1.00	0+10
?	41602 41603	G Parker S Taylor	Leicester City Leicester City	2.00	+1+35
3	41604 40606	J Layrrence M Izzet	Leicester City Leicester City	0.25	0 +3
5	41701 41702	S McManaman J McAteer	Liverpool Liverpool	7.00	0+56 0+45
	41703 41704	J Redknapp J Barnes	Liverpool Liverpool	4.00	0+27 0+55
3	41705	M Thomas	Liverpool	2.50	0+36 D 0
3	41706 41707	M Kennedy P Berger	Liverpool Liverpool	3.00	0+27
j	41801 41802	R Giggs R Keane	Manchester United Manchester United	7.00 4.50	0+43 0+20
	41803 41804	D Beckham N Butt	Manchester United Manchester United	4.00 3.50	0+57 0+34
7	41806 41807	B McClair 7 Cooke	Manchester United Manchester United	1.50 1.00	0 +9
2	41808 41809	B Thomley S Davies	Manchester United Manchester United	1.00 0.50	0 +1
2	41810	J Cruyff K Poborsky	Manchester United Manchester United	2.50 4.00	0+17 0+27
4 4	41901	Emerson Juninho	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	3.50	+5+36 +3+62
3	41903 41905	C Hignett A Moore	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	2.00 1.00	11+29
	41906 41908	R Mustoe C Liddle	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	1.00	+2+35
5	41909 41910	B Robson P Stamp	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	0.50	0 +1
1	42001 42002	C McCart J Philliben	Motherwell Motherwell	2.00	0+16
1	42004 42005	J Hendry S Valikarti	Motherwell Motherwell	0.75	0 +4
7 2 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	42101 42102	D Ginola R Lee	Newcastle United Newcastle United	5.50 5.50	0+24
6	42103	K Glilespie	Newcastle United Newcastle United	4.50	0+29
á	42104 42105	D Batty L Clark	Newcastle United	3.00 1.50	0+21
7	42107 42201	D Hamilton I Woan	Newcastle United Nottingham Forest	4.50	+1+36
Ť.	42202 42203	S Stone S Gemmill	Nottingham Forest Nottingham Forest	4.00 2.50	0 +2 +1+17
4	42204 42205	C Bart-Williams D Phillips	Nottingham Forest Nottingham Forest	2.00 1,00	0+21+2+30
) A	42301 42302	T Rougier D Lennon	Raith Rovers Raith Rovers	2.00	0+33
1	41304	A Millen	Raith Rovers	0,50	0+25 0+26
Ś	42304 42401	S Thomson P Gascolgne	Rangers	7.00	0+58
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5	42404 42405	T Steven J Albertz	Rangers Rangers	1.50 4.00	0 +8 0+59
	42501	R Blinker M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday	2.50 1.50	0+17

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50101	Name S Booth	Team Aberdeen	4.50	0+12
50102	D Shearer W Dodds	Aberdeen Aberdeen	3.00	0 +7 0+35
50103 50201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.00	+2+66
50202 50205	D Bergkamp C Kiwomya	Arsenal Arsenal	7.00 0.50	+1+44
50206 50301	N Anelka D Yorke	Arsenal Aston Villa	3.00 7.50	0 0
50302 50304	S Milosevic J Joachim	Aston Villa Aston Villa	5.00	0+42 0+11
50402	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0 + 54
50404 50405	C Sutton G Fenton	Blackburn Rovers Blackburn Rovers	2.50 2.50	+1+42 0 +3
50406 50407	N Gudmundssor P Pedersen	Blackburn Rovers Blackburn Rovers	1.00 2.50	0 0 0 +8
50502 50303	J Cadete T Johnson	Celtic Celtic	6.00	+1+83
50601	G Vialli	Chelsea	5.00	+1+43
50602 50605	M Hughes M Stein	Cheisea Cheisea	4.00 0.50	0+65
50606 50701	G Zola N Whelsn	Chelsea Coventry City	5.00	+1+51 0+41
50702 50703	D Dublin P Ndlovu	Coventry City Coventry City	5.00	+2+42
52105	D Huckerby	Coventry City	0.50	+1+36
50801 50802	D Sturridge M Gabbladini	Derby County Derby County	3.00 2.00	0+47
50803 50804	A Ward R Willems	Derby County Derby County	2.00	0+38 0+18
50903 51001	K Olafsson A Moore	Dundee United Ountermline	3.00 2.00	+1+20
51002	S Petrie	Dunfermline	2.00	0+28
51101 51901	D Ferguson N Barmby	Everton Everton	4.00	0 + 43
51102 51105	G Stuart M Branch	Everton Everton	3.00 1.50	0+37 0+17
51201 51202	J Robertson C Cameron	Hearts Hearts	3.50 3.50	0+50 0+50
51203	D Beckford	Hearts	0.50	0 +4
51301 51302	K Wright D Jackson	Hibernian Hibernian	3.00	0+23 0+51
51401 51501	P Wright A Yeboah	Kilmamock Leeds United	3.00 7.00	+1+64
51502 51504	l Rush 6 Deane	Leeds United Leeds United	3.50	+1+34 0+37
51506	P Laurent D Lilley	Leeds United Leeds United	2.00	+1 +2
51507 51601	S Claridge	Leicester City	2.50	+1+53
51602 51603	E Heskey M Robins	Leicester City Leicester City	2,00	+1+41 0 +8
51604 51605	l Mershall S Guppy	Leicester City Leicester City	0.75 2.00	0+44 0 +7
51701	R Fowler	Liverpool	9.00	0+68
51702 51801	S Collymore E Cantona	Liverpool Manchester United	8.50	0+48
51802 51803	P Scholes A Cole	Manchester United Manchester United	5.00 4.50	0+20 0+22
51804 51905	O G Solskjaer F Ravanelli	Manchester United Middlesbrough	3.00 5.00	0+50 +4+79
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52203	P McGregor	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0 0
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52501 52502	D Hirst A Booth	Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday	3,00 2,50	0+26 0+56
52504 52505	G Whittingham O Donaldson	Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday	1,50 0.50	+1+37
52506 52601	R Humphreys	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00 7.00	0+20
52605	M Le Tissier E Ostenstad	Southampton Southampton	2,00	+3+53
52606 52701	M Evans P Stewart	Southampton Sunderland	0.75 1.00	+1+14
52702 52703	C Russell D Kelly	Sunderland Sunderland	1.00	0+20 0+20
52704 52705	L Howey M Bridges	Sunderland Sunderland	0.50	+1 +6 0+16
52708 52709	N Quinn . A Johnston	Sunderland Sunderland	3.00	+1 +8
52801	E Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	8.00	+1+35
52802 52803	C Armstrong R Aflen	Tottenham Hotspur Tottenham Hotspur	7.00 0.75	0+19
52804 50203	S Iversen J Hartson	Tottenham Hotspur West Ham United	3.50 3.50	0+32 0+23
52903 52104	l Dowle P Kitson	West Ham United West Ham United	2.00	0+16
53001 53002	D Holdsworth E Ekoku	Wimbledon Wimbledon	3.00	+1+23 0+52
53003	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50 0.75	+1 +8
53004 53005	J Euell A Clarke	Wimbledon Wimbledon	0.75	0 +7
53006	M Harford	Wimbledon	0.50	0 +6
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	21604	F Rolling	Leicester City	3.00	0 0 0 -1
	21701	R Jones	Liverpool Liverpool	1.50	0 -3
	21702 21703	S Harkness S I Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50	0+46
	21801	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.00	0+40
	21802	G Neville	Manchester United	3.00	0+31
	21803	P Neville	Manchester United	3.00	0 0
	21901	N Cox	Middlesbrough	2.50	Q -11
	21903	C Morris	Middlesbrough	1.50	G -1
	21904	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75	0 +9
	21905	C Blackmore	Middlesbrough	0.25	+4+14
	21906	V Kinder	Middlesbrough	1.50	0 +2
	22002	S McMillan	Motherwell	0.50	0 +6
	22101	W Barton	Newcastle United	3.00	0 +4 0+21
	22102	S Watson	Newcastle United Newcastle United	3.00 2.50	0+16
9	22103	R Ellott	Newcastle United	2.50	0 +7
•	22201	J Beresford S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0+11
	22202	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest	2.00	+4 +9
	22202	A I Haaland	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0+20
	22204	N Jerkan	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0 4
	22301	P Bonar	Raith Rovers	0.75	0 -16
	22302	D Kirkwood	Raith Rovers	0.50	0 -12
	22401	D Robertson	Rangers	2.50	0+45
	22402	J Brown	Rangers	2.00	0 0
	22501	Nolan	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	-3+26
	22502	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	-3+29
	22503	S Nicol	Shelfield Wednesday	1,00	-2 +9
	22504	D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0+10
	22505	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0 +3
	22601	J Dodd	Southampton	1.50	+4 -4
	22602	F Benail	Southampton	0.75	+4 +2
	22603	S Charlton	Southampton	0,75	0 +4
	22701	D Kubicki	Sunderland	0.50	0 +5
	22702	M Scott	Sunderland	0.50	0 +4
	22703	G Hall	Sunderland	0.25	0 +6
	22704	J Eriksson	Sunderland	1.50	0 -1
	22801	D Austin	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+4 +8
	22802	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0+12
Ė	22803	J Edinburgh	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	+4+15
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	22805	S Carr	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0 -3
	22901	J Dicks	West Ham United	4.00	0+23
	22902	T Breacker	West Ham United	1.00	0 +3
	22903	K Rowland	West Ham United	1.00	8 4
	22904	M Bowen	West Ham United	1.00	0 +2
	23001	B Thatcher	Wimbledon	1.50	0 +9
	23002	A Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75	0+13
	23003	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75	-1 + 26
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	30101	B Irvine	Aberdeen	2.00	0 -6
4	30102	C Woodthorpe	Aberdeen	1.50	0 +1
	30103	A Kombouare	Aberdeen	2.50	0 +1
	30201	A Adams	Arsenal	4.00	0+43
	30202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	0+41
		M Keown	Arsenal	3.00	0+50
	30203 30205	S Marshall	Arsenal	1.00	0+14
		G Southgate	Aston Villa	3,50	+4+42
	30301		Aston Villa	3,00	+4+70
	30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	1,00	0+28
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40101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	0+40
	S Glass	Aberdeen	3.00	0+24
40102	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50	0 +8
40103		Aberdeen	2.50	0+28
40104	l Kiriakov	Aberdeen	0,50	0+25
40105	T Tzvetanov	Arsenal	4.50	+1+43
40201	D Platt		4.00	+1+56
40202		Arsenal	2.00	0+25
40203	R Parlour	Arsenal		
40204	G Helder	Arsenal	1.50	0 0
40205	1 Selley	Arsenal	0.50	0 0
40208	P Vielra	Arsenal	3.00	0+40
40209	R Garde	Arsenal	2.00	0 +7
40210	S Hughes	Arsenal	2.00	0+15
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	4.00	0 + 34
40302		Aston Villa	2.50	0+49
40303		Aston Villa	2.50	+2+42
10304	G Farrelly	Aston Villa	1.00	+1 +2
40306	S Curcic	Aston Villa	3.50	+2+23
40401	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0+40
40402	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0+29
40403		Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+2+29
	W McKintay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1+21
40405	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+3+46
40406	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0 +7
40407		Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0+16
40408		Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0 +5
40409		Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0 0
40501	P McStay	Ceitic	3.00	0+22

42103	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.50	0+29
42104	D Batty	Newcastle United	3.00	0+27
42105	L Clark	Newcastle United	3.00	0+21
42107	D Hamilton	Newcastle United	1.50	O D
42201	Woan	Nottingham Forest	4.50	+1+36
42202	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0 +2
42203		Nottingham Forest	2.50	+1+17
42204		Nottingham Forest	2.00	0+21
42205		Nottingham Forest	1,00	+2+30
42301	T Rougier	Raith Rovers	2.00	0+33
42302	D Lennon	Raith Rovers	1.00	0+46
41304	A Millen	Raith Rovers	0,50	0+25
42304	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0+26
42401	P Gascolgne	Rangers	7.00	0+58
42402	B Laudrup	Rangers	5.00	0+71
42403	S McCall	Rangers	2.00	0 +9
42404	T Steven	Rangers	1.50	8+ 0
42405	J Albertz	Rangers	4.00	0+59
42501	R Blinker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0+17
42502	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	+1+50
42504	G Hyde	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0 + 29
42506	M Williams	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0 0
42507	R Jones	Shelfield Wednesday	0.50	0 0
42508	5 Oakes	Sheffield Wednesday	1,50	0+10
42509	W Collins	Shelfield Wednesday	0.75	0+13
42510	O Trustfull	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0+17
42511	B Carbone	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	+3+37
42512	D Billington	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0 0
42601	J Magifton	Southampton	2.50	+2+43
42604	B Venison	Southampton	1.00	0 0
42606	D Hughes	Southampton	0.50	0 +1
42906	R Slater	Southampton	1.00	+2+21
42607	M Oakley	Southampton	0.50	0+30
42609	M Robinson	Southampton	0.25	0 +6
42611	É Berkovic	Southampton	1.00	+1+32
42701	M Gray	Sunderland	2.50	+1+43
42702	S Agnew	Sunderland	1.50	0+16
42703	A Rae	Sunderland	1.50	0 + 14
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60101	R Altken	Aberdeen	2.50 0+27
60202	A Wenger	Arsenal	3.50 +1+45
60301	B Little	Aston Villa	3.50 +1+51
60402	A Parkes	Blackburn Rovers	3.00 +3+26
80501	T Burns	Celtic	4.00 -1+70
60601	R Gullit	Cheisea	2.50 +3+60
60702	G Strachan	Coveritry City	1.00 +1+22
60801	J Smith	Derby County	0.75 +1+38
62302	T McLean	Dundee United	0.75 -1 + 61
61001	W Paton	Dunfermline	0.50 0+28
61102	D Watson	Everton	2,00 0 0
61201	J Jefferles	Hearts	2.00 0+41
61302	J Duffy	Hibemian	1.00 D+14
61402	W Williamson	Kilmarnock	0.75 +3+18
B1502	G Graham	Leeds United	2.00 +1+31
61601	M O'Neill	Leicester City	0.50 -1+31
61701	R Evans	Liverpool	4.50 0+59
61801	A Ferguson	Manchester United	5.00 D+67
61901	B Robson	Middlesbrough	2.00 +2+36
62001	A McLeish	Motherweil	1.50 0+23
62102	K Dalglish	Newcastle United	4.50 0+18
62202	5 Pearce	Nottingham Forest	2.00 +1 +4
62401	W Smith	Rangers	5.00 0+75
62501	D Pleat	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50 -1+57
62601	G Souness	Southampton	0.50 + 3 + 21
62701	P Reid	Sunderland	0.50 -1 + 20
62801	G Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00 +3+29
62901	H Redknapp	West Ham United	2.00 +3+23
63001	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00 -1+50
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THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

72 hours left to save UK, says Major

■ The Prime Minister issued a warning last night that there were "only 72 hours" to save the United Kingdom.

After a whirlwind tour covering England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. John Major stood outside Parliament to proclaim the "twin threat" posed by a Labour government: the break-up of the UK and a sell-out to Europe. The event was branded a stunt by Labour, which ordered former MPs to campaign in marginal constituencies Pages I, 13-16, 22, 23

Currie sends £2,000 bill to newspaper

■ Edwina Currie has sent a £2,000 bill for journalistic services to the newspaper which published her predictions of a Labour landslide. Tory strategists were appalled by the MP's decision to fax an invoice to The Express only 24 hours after she had claimed that her comments were off the recordPage I

Booth to sit as judge

Cherie Booth will sit as a judge within two weeks of becoming the Prime Minister's wife if Labour wins the election Page l

Tighter Maze security Tighter security measures are to be imposed inside the Maze prison after a government inquiry into an IRA attempt to tunnel out of the jail found that the paramilitaries controlled the H-.... Page 2

Boy George accused

The singer Boy George was accused in the High Court of being an obsessive and vindictive liar by a man he had described as the love of his lifePage 3

Hounds may die

The Quantock Staghounds may have to put down 60 hounds because of the National Trust's decision to ban stag hunting on its land from the end of this

Minority viewing

Channel 5 is reaching only 45 per cent of the country despite promises when it launched four weeks ago that at least 60 per cent of the population would be able to watch it Page 5

Rare rhinos arrive

Two wild Asian rhinos from Nepal are expected in Britain today nade Wild Animal Park ... Page 5 budget ...

Cost of caring

A man who gave up his job to look after his ailing mother must sell his home to pay for her care, the High Court ruled Page 7

Testing time Examination pressure on child-

ren from the age of seven onwards means demand for revision guides is soaring, publishers said, as an unprecedented number of pupils prepared for nat-

Kohl olive branch

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, has offered a tentative olive branch to the next British Government and said he was certain that Britain would eventually join the single currency Page 17

Hutu refugees found Thousands of exhausted and de-

hydrated Rwandan Hutu refugees were reported to have emerged from thick forest in Zaire, about 30 miles south of Kisangani Page 18 Forces' morality code

The Pentagon is introducing a

strict code of morality for America's armed services after numerous sex scandals......Page 19

Titanic overdraft Eighty-five years after the sinking of the Titanic, a film attempting to re-create that fateful night is for an international captive months behind schedule and up breeding programme at Whips- to \$90 million (£55 million) over

City rustiers swoop on dales flocks

Police have returned a two-week-old lamb found wandering the streets of Sunderland to the North Yorkshire farm 50 miles away from which it had been taken. Lambs are being stolen by urban rustlers from their unfenced pastures and reared in the unlikely setting of council allotments. After six months they are killed for the rustler's freezer or to sell ...



Salt farmers at work near Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday; the sea salt is extracted for use in food and preservative production

BUSINESS

Co-op: Hambros Bank and Travers Smith Braithwaite, the solicitor, who both advised Andrew Regan on his aborted bid for the Co-operative Wholesale Society, settled out of court with the CWS. They agreed damages thought to be over £1 millionPage 29

Economy: The "feel-good" factor has hit a ten-year high but consumers are crediting building society windfall payments rather than the ...Page 29 Government Sears: Sears is to demerge its

Selfridges department store busi-...Page 29 Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 20 points to close at 4389.7. Sterling rose from 99.7 to 99.9 after a rise from \$1.6230 to \$1.6237 and from

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Cricket: Ireland were four wickets from their first win over a county side when they reduced Middlesex to 134 for six in the Benson and Hedges CupPage 56

Football: Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, put his squad through their paces in their penultimate training session for the World Cup qualifier against Georgia .. Page 56

Snooker: John Parrott claimed a place in the quarter-finals of the Embassy world championship in Sheffield with a 13-11 victory over Anthony Hamilton.....Page 56

Rugby league: Scott Gibbs is seeking a temporary release from his rugby union contract with Swansea to play for St Helens in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final ... Page 56

ARTS

Grimm smile: Roderick Watkins's opera The Juniper Tree had its premiere at the Munich Biennale and turned out to be a very British triumph, with a very Grimm fairy-

Women on top: Richard Cork reviews London shows by two pioneering British artists - the macabre work of Christine Borland, and the raw self-exposure of Tracey Emin.... ...Page 39

High old time: EMI celebrated its hundredth birthday in high style and at steep prices - with a line-up including Hampson, Lott, Alagna and Gheorghiu

Cash up front: Johnny Cash remains the rough-cut king of country, displaying his wide appeal at the Albert Hall.

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ INTERFACE

on the run

■ HOMES

Stalkers have moved

they are themselves

You can do it yourself

or hire professionals:

either way, moving

house is seldom easy

onto the Internet. Now

BODY AND MIND

Early learning: How much should children be told about drugs when children as young as ten already have a detailed knowledge of the drug scene? Page 20 Keep away: David Charter reports

cated about and warned against _ Page 20 drugs... My junkle sister: "The love that connects siblings enables 'clean' children to enact 'tough love'. And rightly or wrongly, my love does not allow me to write Tess off - not yet, at least." Page 21

on how the young are being edu-

LAW

Blackmall: When a private contractor wheel-clamps a car parked for only a few minutes and demands an exorbitant fee, can he be prosecuted for blackmail? Page 43 Save the children: More could be done to counter the sexual exploitation of children, argues Allan Levy, QC ...

THE PAPERS

The Turkish military are a step away from getting rid of Necmettin Erbakan, who for the past ten months has led the first Islamic government in Turkey since the end of the Ottoman Caliphate. Turkey thus faces the same dilemma as Algeria in 1992: can power be entrusted to those who seek to use democracy to create an Islamic - La Repubblica | art in building... democracy?

Preview: Robson Green plays a detective hunting serial criminals Touching Evil (ITV, 9pm). Review: Lynne Truss on an epidemic thriller that failed to thrill Page 55

TVLISTRIGS

DEMICAL

Principles not parties

For The Times today - and for The Times in the spirit of its best pastthe European future is the fulcrum of public policy. A proper sense of the choices now facing this country, a profound vision of how the current moves to unite Europe could all so easily bring its collapse, a clear-sighted understanding of the gulf between what our partners say, what they mean and what they really want: that is what Britain needs to be able to vote for at this election. The divergent views on this subject ought to form the line: along which the parties divide but they do not. They form dividing lines only within the parties. In the Conservatives the lines are open and opening further by the day: this process will continue until a new leader matches the spirit of the new MPs. In the Labour Party the lines are largely closed by discipline and fear of defeat; but they may still be uncovered. Our endorsement in this election, therefore, falls not on a party state but upon individual candidates whose European ideals we can support.

COLUMNS MICHAEL PORTILLO

Mr Blair has learnt a lesson from four successive election defeats. He knows that he cannot win power by following his instincts. The people have rejected them, though he does not understand why. In his desperation for power he seeks direction elsewhere...

LIBBY PURVES

Both main parties know from their canvassing that indecision is rife. This is why Tony Blair strives modestly to avoid the unconditional future tense, why John Major uses it constantly, and why both sides long to pelt Edwina Currie with duff eggsPage 22

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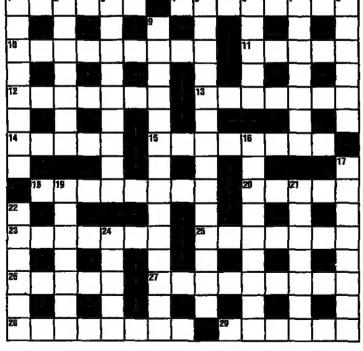
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in translation (8).

- I Lower or upper-class girl with a Home Counties following (6). 4 Like a good monk, taking to Bede
- 10 Maurice who was one up in France? (9).
- 11 Loathe being trapped by Arab horsemen (5). 12 Drier in kitchen is hard to pull
- around (7). 13 Foreign royal visitor, fascinated
- by unique tree in nursery (7).
- 14 Flyover not opened in area of
- high pressure (5). 15 Angle he'll present as a dissolute
- old fellow (8). 18 American disaster movie seen in
- 20 Critical comments for audience in
- 23 Clown's bare skin visible, having nothing on (7).

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- 25 Spectacles of girls following guide leader (7).
- 26 Nothing green in Paris is observ
- 27 Cross one pair of rivers, I propose
- 28 Chaff harmful in later years (8). 29 Supporter of half-day closing (6).

DOWN

- I Half-made fruit drinks for playoffs (8).
- 2 Favoured minor in part of garden (7).
- 3 Deep breath? (3-6).
- 5 Guides supporting construction of brick we see one side of the border (7,7).
- 6 Happy, perhaps, making notes about conflict (5). 7 It can be found in new ale and hot
- rum (7). 8 Direction keeps Henry in step (6).
- 9 Artistic work that needs an index (6,8).
- 16 A heavenly time, hopefully, from now on (9).
- 17 Plot dates in order to provide framework for retirement (8).
- 19 Part of pitch in Liverpool ground reopened (7). 21 Apparent evil besetting relative
- 22 Jack's World digest? (6). 24 Repeating decimal? (5).
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FORECAST

☐ General: England and Wales should see any showers dying out from the west as the morning goes on. Most places will then have a dry day with sunny spells, but cloud will increase from the west later. It will be warm, with the northwesterly

breeze dying down. Scotland and Northern Ireland should be mostly dry with sunny land will have showers or some longer spells of rain for a time. It will be breezy at first.

☐ London, SE England, E Anglia, E England, NE England: showers dying out, then dry with sunny spells. Wind northwesterly, fresh, moderating. Max 17C (63F).

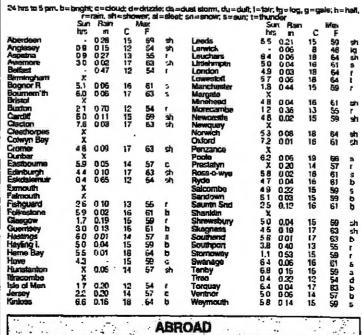
Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, NW England, Lake District and Central N England: generally dry with clear or sunny spells. Wind northwesterly, moderate to fresh.

SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man, and N ireland: dry at first with sunny spells, becoming cloudy with drizzie later. Wind west or northwest, mainly moderate. Max 14C-16C

out, then dry with clear or sunny spells. Wind northwesterly, mod-erate to fresh. Max 13C (55F).

or longer spells of rain. Wind westerly, moderate to fresh, Max 10C-12C (50F-54F).

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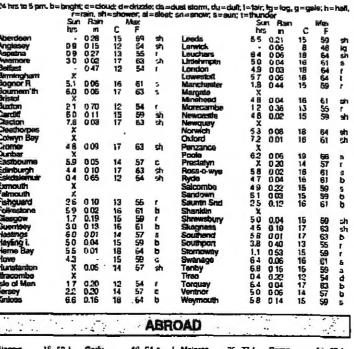
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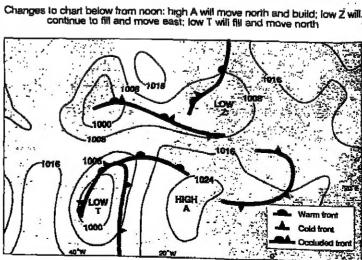
☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, and NW Scotland; showers dying

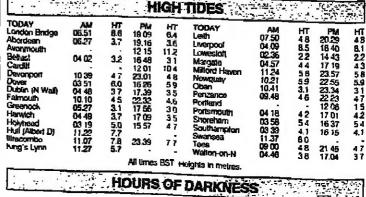
Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, and Shetland: mostly cloudy with showers

Outlook: cloudy and damp in the west, the east dry with sunny



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